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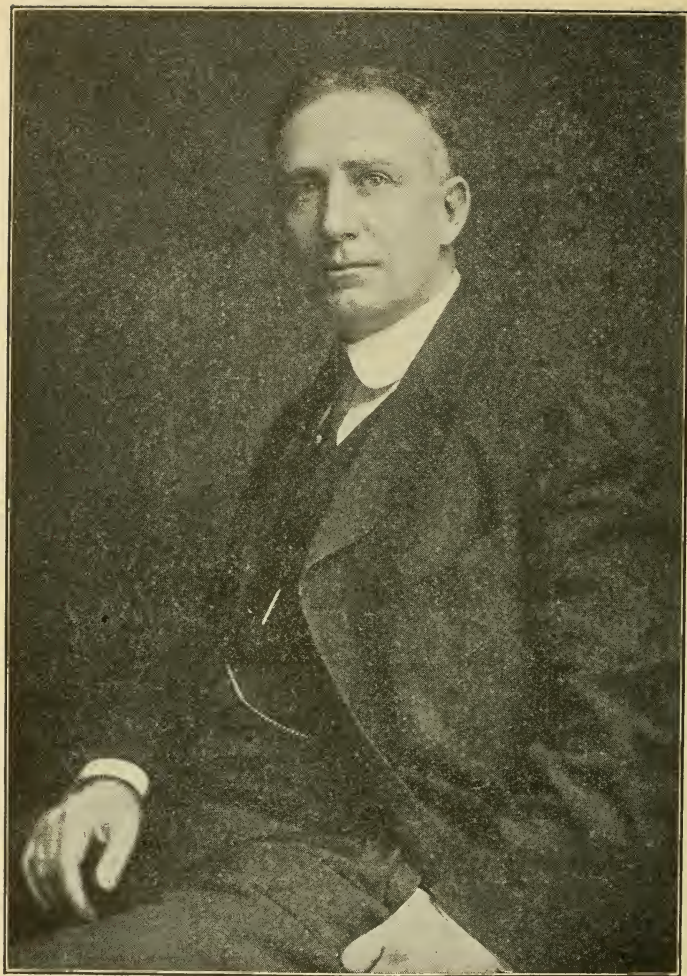
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Introduction

I take pleasure in presenting the Sixteenth Annual Guide of the National Association.

Information of special value to the men promoting and financing minor league Base Ball, as well as of keen interest to the lovers of the game, will be found in this GUIDE, published under the direction of the great minor league association.

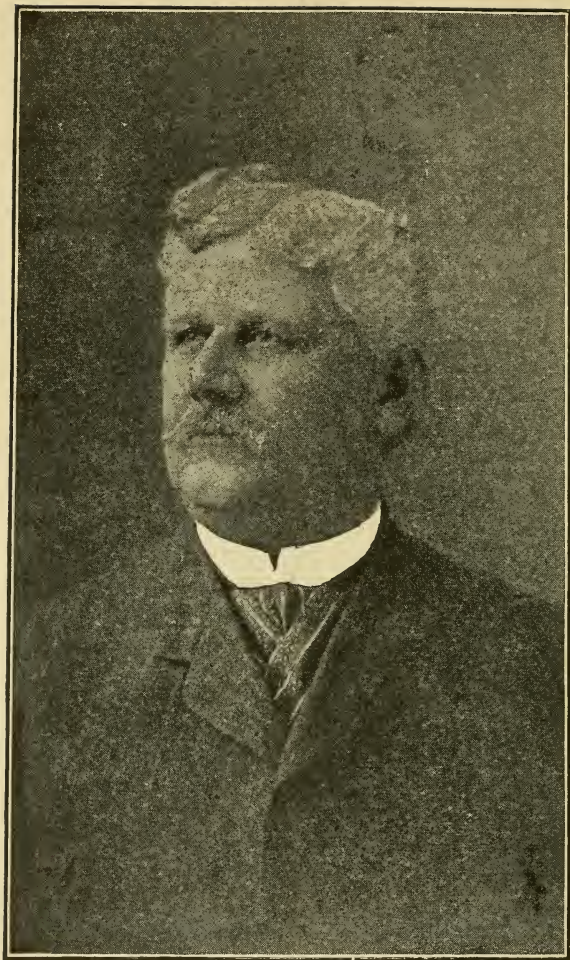
The editor has been especially honored. A member of the Board from the beginning, at the last annual meeting he was elected for another five-year term, and also elected Vice-President of the National Association for a five-year term.

This GUIDE can honestly hope to partake of the good times honestly predicted for the Game of Games. A wholesale wish of

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL
LEAGUES, SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 9-12, 1915.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

The Annual Convention at San Francisco last November was most successful both for the business accomplished and the social side of the visit.

The party bound from Chicago was rather small, owing to the great distance, but traveling together for five days gave all a chance to become well acquainted, and the party reached 'Frisco in fine spirits. The delegates stopped off for four days at Colorado Springs and were entertained by Thomas Burns, at one time owner of two or three franchises. The party stopped off at Salt Lake City one Sunday afternoon and were splendidly entertained by the officers of the Salt Lake City club of the Pacific Coast League.

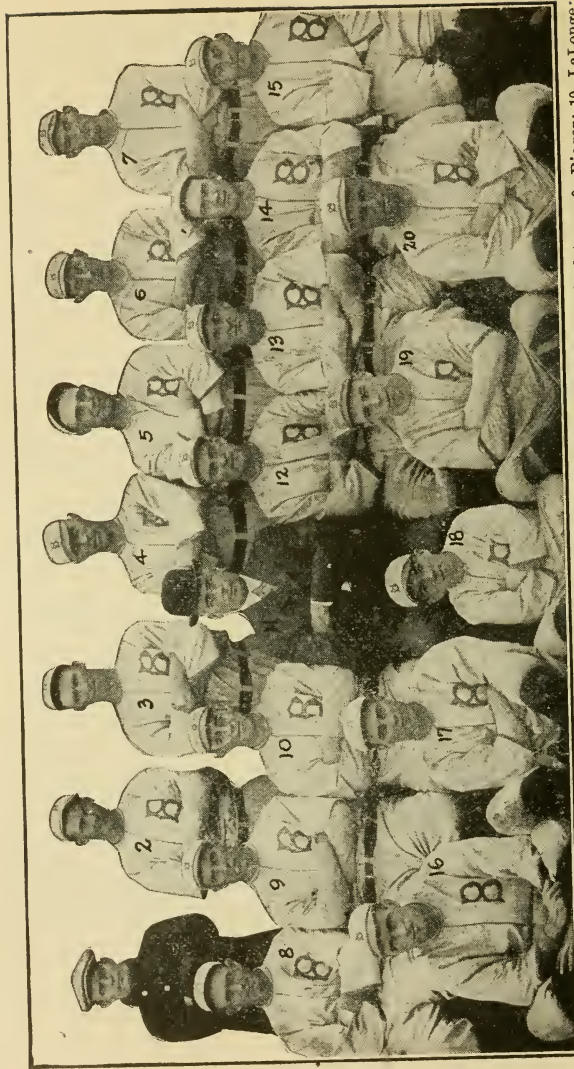
When the Eastern Base Ball men reached Sacramento, Cal., they were met at the station by Cal. Ewing, Al. Baum, Henry Berry and Charley Graham, who escorted the party to 'Frisco, where they put up at the St. Francis Hotel.

During the four days' convention the delegates and their women friends were shown the principal points of interest around the city as well as the big fair. All that were fortunate enough to be present at San Francisco will make a big effort to attend the Annual Convention next fall at New Orleans, as the guests of the Southern Association.

FIRST DAY—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1915.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues convened at the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, Cal., President M. H. Sexton presiding, with the following present:

E. G. Barrow, New York, N. Y.; T. M. Chivington, Chicago, Ill.; A. F. Timme, Milwaukee, Wis.; D. E. Shay, Kansas City; J. C. McGill, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. H. Baugh, Birmingham, Ala.; Clyde Shropshire, Nashville, Tenn.; Manager Haury, Nashville, Tenn.; W. D. Smith, Birmingham, Ala.; R. G. Allen, Little Rock, Ark.; N. T. Corish, Savannah, Ga.; C. F. Moll, Milwaukee, Wis.; C. H. Ebbetts, Brooklyn, N. Y.; M. E. Justice, Keokuk, Iowa; M. J. Finn, Little Rock, Ark.; J. J. McCloskey, Fort Bliss, Texas; William Neal, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. T. Baum, San Francisco, Cal.; H. W. Berry, San Francisco, Cal.; H. A. Walton, San Francisco, Cal.; H. S. Wolverton, San Francisco, Cal.;



1, Murphy, Trainer; 2, Tyson; 3, Jackson; 4, Bader; 5, Channell; 6, Onslow; 7, Beebe; 8, Carlstrom; 9, Rieger; 10, LaLonge; 11, P. J. Donovan, Mgr.; 12, Judge; 13, McCarthy, Capt.; 14, Gaw; 15, Snyder; 16, Keating; 17, Jamieson; 18, Carroll, Manager; 19, Gilhooley; 20, Fullenwider.

BUFFALO TEAM—CHAMPIONS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Fourteen Leagues answered roll call.

Mr. Secretary Rainey, the Mayor's representative, delivered an address of welcome to the delegates of the convention. The response was made by President Sexton.

The secretary's report was read, received and ordered filed. Copies were distributed to members.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Shropshire of Nashville:

"WHEREAS, The Southern Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs has lost by death its honored and beloved President, William Marmaduke Kavanaugh; and

"WHEREAS, The National Association of Professional Base Ball League has lost in the demise of Judge Kavanaugh one of its ablest and highly honored members, one who by his unusual gifts, made so by close contact with our great national game, his familiarity with base ball laws, his unwavering integrity, as well as fair and unbiased rulings on every question that touched the game, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, By The National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues in Annual Convention assembled, in the city of San Francisco, California, that WE, realizing the great loss to organized base ball in the passing out of this splendid man, do hereby sorrowfully pay tribute to his sterling worth.

"William Marmaduke Kavanaugh was born in Green County, Alabama, March 3, 1866, and died at Little Rock, Arkansas, February 21, 1915.



1, Garrity; 2, Rondeau; 3, Engel; 4, D. C. Williams; 5, J. F. Williams; 6, Cashion; 7, Smith; 8, Hopper; 9, Holland; 10, Massey; 11, Sullivan; 12, Altizer; 13, Cantillon, Mgr.; 14, Yingling; 15, Bentley; 16, Autrey.

MINNEAPOLIS TEAM—CHAMPIONS AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

"In 1901 Judge Kavanaugh became Director of the Little Rock Base Ball Club; Vice-President of the Southern Association in 1902; its President in 1903, which office he held until his death. In 1903 he was elected a member of the Board of Arbitration of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

"The Great Umpire who watches and judges the play of all has called him 'Safe at Home,' now, therefore, be it further

"Resolved, That The National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues in Convention assembled take official notice of the loss of our friend and adviser and directs the Secretary to place these resolutions upon the minutes of this Association."

Mr. Ebbetts of Brooklyn seconded the resolution in behalf of the Major Leagues.

By Mr. Shropshire: That the resolution be adopted by a rising vote; be spread on our minutes and a copy sent to the family, and that the convention do now adjourn until 11 a. m. tomorrow in respect to the memory of Judge Kavanaugh. Adopted.

Mr. Darmody of Los Angeles suggested that we adjourn to meet tomorrow morning, and that the session be an executive one. Adopted. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10.

Executive Session.

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a. m. President in chair.

On roll call sixteen leagues answered.

The chair appointed J. Cal Ewing as sergeant-at-arms.

By Mr. Leavitt: Let it be the sense of the meeting that the executive session be restricted to representatives of leagues, club owners and those financially interested in clubs. Adopted.

The order of business was the election of officers.

By Mr. Shropshire: That the election of officers go over until later in the session. Adopted.

The President named the following committees:

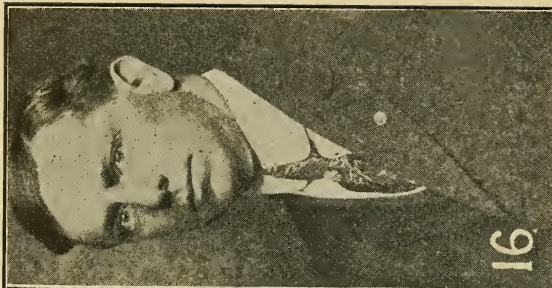
On Credentials: Messrs. Corish, Savannah, Ga.; Morris, Fort Worth, Texas; J. T. Hayes, Davenport, Ia.

On Nominations: Judge W. W. McCredie, Portland, Ore.; W. F. Hayes, Utica, N. Y.; W. H. Smith, Birmingham, Ala.

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On Revision of Constitution: A. T. Baugh, San Francisco,



1, Knaupp; 2, Pezold; 3, Hendryx; 4, Higgins; 5, Reilly; 6, Bagby; 7, Smith; 8, Weaver; 9, Walker; 10, Horlik; 11, Syl-
vester; 12, Edmondson; 13, Thomas; 14, Bluhm; 15, Dobbs, Mgr.; 16, A. J. Heinemann, Pres.
NEW ORLEANS TEAM—CHAMPIONS SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Cal.; N. L. O'Neill, Chicago, Ill.; T. H. Murnane, Boston, Mass.; M. E. Justice, Keokuk, Ia.; T. M. Chivington, Chicago, Ill.

By Mr. Timme: That Secretary J. H. Farrell be auditor of the Committee on Revision. Adopted.

By Mr. Shropshire: That President Sexton act as ex-officio member of all committees. Adopted.

A protracted exchange of views on the operating expenses of clubs was participated in by Messrs. Sexton, Judge McCredie, Hayes, Chivington, Barrow, Leavitt, Baugh, Holland, Moll and Shropshire.

By Mr. Moll: That each classification meet and agree on a monthly and an individual salary limit and player limit and a maximum time for reporting of players for spring training.

Seconded by Mr. Barrow with the proviso that nothing be considered compulsory, but that each class meet and discuss the subject and report back to this meeting. Adopted.

On invitation Mr. Ebbetts delivered an interesting talk.

By Mr. Baum: To recess until 3 p. m. Adopted.

RE-CONVENED SESSION OF NOVEMBER 10.

Called to order at 3:30.

The Committee on Credentials reported that all who have answered roll call are qualified to represent their leagues, and read the following communication from the Western League:

MR. M. H. SEXTON, President,

November 10, 1915.

National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues, San Francisco.

Dear Sirs:

The bearer, Mr. W. A. Rourke, of Omaha, Nebraska, has been duly appointed to represent the Western League of Professional Base Ball Clubs in the fifteenth annual meeting of the Association now in assembly.

The selection of Mr. Rourke was made in the regular form prescribed in the by-laws of the National Association; namely, a majority vote of the Western League delegates present.

Kindly extend to Mr. Rourke the usual courtesies and privileges, etc., and very greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

E. J. HANLON, President, Sioux City.

JAMES C. MCGILL, President, Denver.

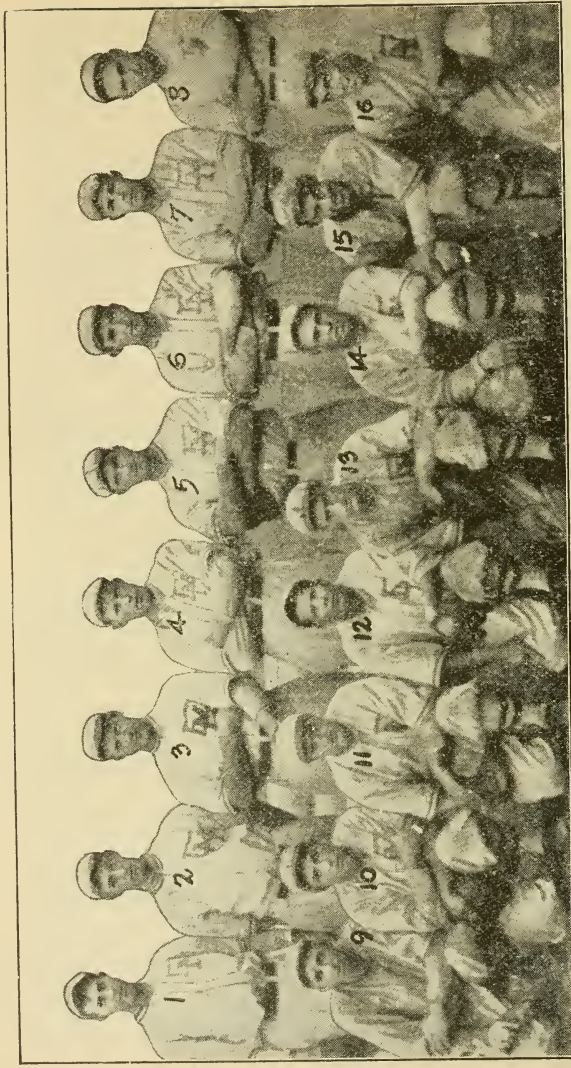
HUGH L. JONES, President, Lincoln.

W. A. ROURKE, President, Omaha.

JNO. SAVAGE, President, Topeka.

The committee, under the circumstances, recommended that Mr. Rourke represent the Western League at this meeting.

By Mr. Shropshire: That the recommendations of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted. Carried.



1, Mogridge; 2, Thomas; 3, Gilligan; 4, Isbell, Mgr.; 5, Jones; 6, Bills; 7, Musser; 8, Baker; 9, Vanderveldt; 10, Graham; 11, Hunter; 12, Hahn; 13, Breen; 14, Evoldt; 15, Sawyer; 16, Hartford.

DES MOINES TEAM—CHAMPIONS WESTERN LEAGUE.

Class AA League, through President Baum, reported not being ready at that time to present salary limit recommendations. The same report was made from President Baugh of the Southern League.

By Mr. Leavitt: That the matter of report from the different classifications be deferred until Friday morning. Later withdrawn.

Class B requested further time.

Class C submitted its report.

Class D submitted its report.

(Report incorporated in Revised National Association Agreement.)

By Mr. McCredie: That when we adjourn it be until 10 o'clock Friday morning. Adopted. Adjourned.

On Friday, November 11, the delegates were the guests of the Pacific Coast League on a trip around San Francisco Bay, landing at the Exposition Grounds.

FOURTH DAY—NOVEMBER 12.

Meeting called to order at 11 a. m. by President Baum.

Mr. Baum stated that President Sexton had been called to his home by a death in his family.

Mr. Baum nominated T. H. Murnane as President pro tem.

Mr. Murnane took the chair.

Mr. Timme presented the report of the Auditing Committee, reporting an audit of the financial records of the Association and finding the statement of the financial affairs to be correct.

On motion of Mr. Shropshire the report was received.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following recommendations and in addition presented a request from the Western League as follows:

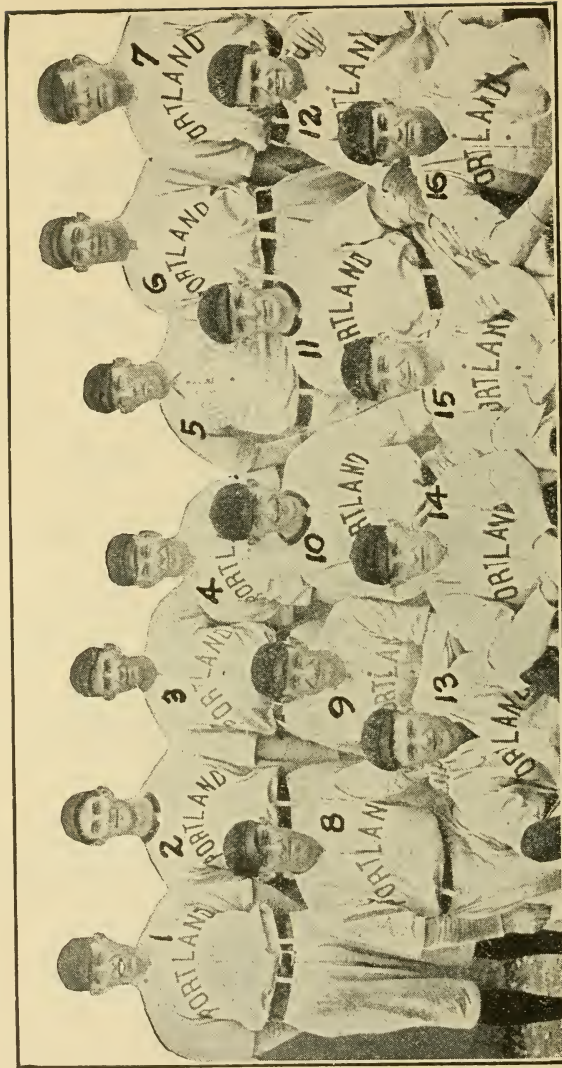
November 12, 1915.

Committee on Nominations, National Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

To the Chairman.

Dear Sir:—The following members of the Western League request that the convention elect E. J. Hanlon (Vice-President of the Western League and President of the Sioux City Base Ball Club) as a member of the Board of Arbitration of the National Association of Base Ball Leagues until such time as the Western League elects a new president.

Lincoln, Hugh L. Jones, President.
Omaha, W. A. Rourke, President.
Denver, James C. McGill, President.
Sioux City, E. J. Hanlon, President.
Topeka, Jno. Savage, President.
St. Joseph.
Des Moines.
Wichita.



1, More; 2, Jordan; 3, Voss; 4, H. Duffy, Mgr.; 5, Martin; 6, Watkins; 7, Mayberry; 8, Burns; 9, Clemens; 10, Farrell; 11, Bowden; 12, Hayden; 13, Dowell; 14, Sweatt; 15, Loneragan; 16, Hernden.

PORTLAND TEAM—CHAMPIONS NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

The report of the Committee on Nominations follows: President: M. H. Sexton, Rock Island, Ill. Members of National Board: E. G. Barrow, New York City, N. Y.; T. M. Chivington, Chicago, Ill.; A. T. Baum, San Francisco, Cal.; R. H. Baugh, Birmingham, Ala.; E. J. Hanlon (proxy), Sioux City, Iowa; F. R. Carson, South Bend, Ind.; J. H. O'Rourke, Bridgeport, Conn.; T. H. Murnane, Boston, Mass.; M. E. Justice, Keokuk, Iowa; N. P. Corish, Savannah, Ga.

By Mr. Chivington: That the report of the Committee on Nominations and the request of the Western League be received and accepted. Adopted.

On a discussion following as to the term of office of the officers to be elected it was decided that the term shall be for five years.

This was accepted by Mr. Chivington and the resolution adopted.

By Mr. Shropshire: That the constitution be so amended that from this day forward the office of vice-president be added to the official list. Adopted.

By Mr. Moll: That the report of the Nominating Committee be received, adopted, and the Secretary cast the ballot for the election for five years each of the officers named in the report.

The question of election for a one or five-year term came up at this point. The Chairman suggested that the officers named be confirmed and the term of office be taken up later in the meeting.

Mr. Peepers suggested that the election of officers go over until the next session.

This was agreed to without a vote.

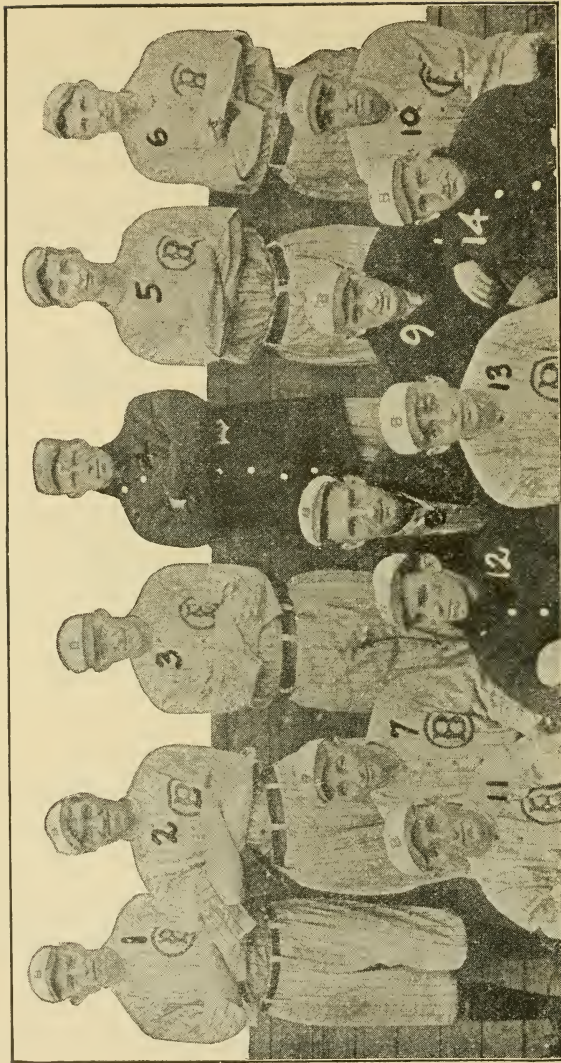
The Report of Committees on Salary Limits.

Class AA—No report on salary limit. No individual salary limit. Training season to be left to the League.

Class A—Salary limit not to exceed \$2,800. Player limit to 14 men. No individual salary limit. Time for reporting, not more than 30 days prior to opening of championship season.

Class B—Salary limit \$1,800, effective two weeks after opening of season; first two weeks salary limit not to exceed \$2,200. (National Board has right of granting higher limit on application.) Individual limit \$175. Training season two weeks prior to opening. Player limit 13.

Class C—Club salary limit \$1,400, exclusive of manager. Individual limit, \$150 per month, manager excepted. Training



1, McAndrews; 2, Murphy; 3, Calhoun, Mgr.; 4, Frock; 5, Peterson; 6, Curry; 7, Gaiser; 8, Kay; 9, Irving; 10, Miller; 11, Pepe; 12, Gonzales; 13, Harned; 14, Rapp. Helmke, Photo.

BINGHAMTON TEAM—CHAMPIONS NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE.

season two weeks prior to opening of championship season. Player limit 13, including manager. President of leagues to sign players to contracts according to terms submitted to club officials.

Class D—Salary limit not to exceed \$1,200 per month, exclusive of manager. Individual, \$135, manager excepted. Reporting time, two weeks prior to opening of season.

President of leagues to sign players to contracts according to terms submitted by club officials. Player limit 13, including manager. The report was discussed and set aside until second session.

By Mr. Shropshire: That we proceed to the selection of the city for the next convention. Adopted.

Invitations for the next convention were received and read from the following cities: New York City; Boston, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Philadelphia, Pa.; New Orleans, La.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio.

By Mr. Barrows: That New Orleans be selected for 1916 convention. Adopted.

By Mr. Baum: That we recess until 2 p. m. Adopted.

SECOND SESSION—NOVEMBER 12, 1915.

Called to order at 3 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution was read.

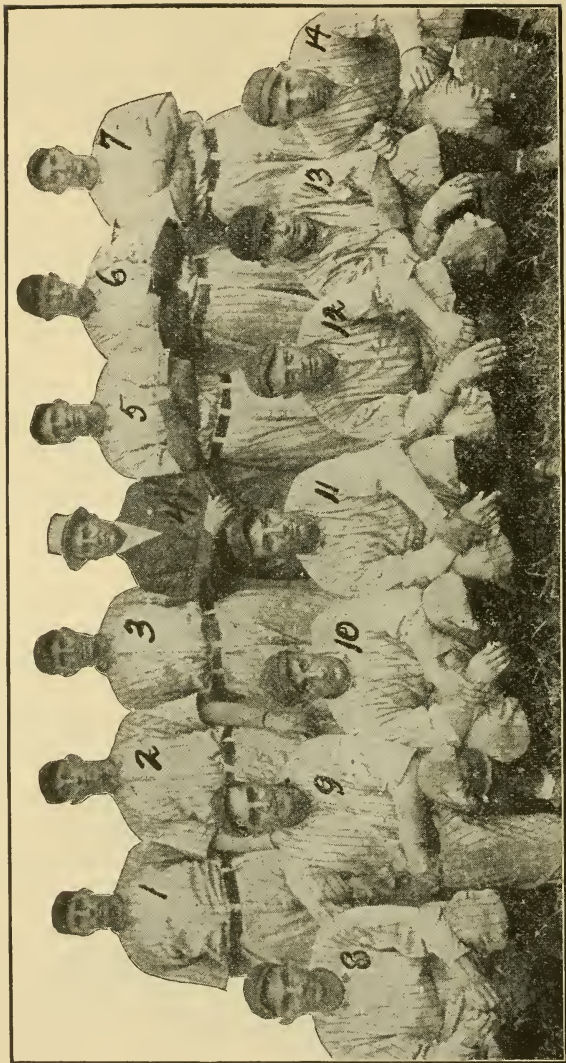
By Mr. Leavitt: That we adopt the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution. Adopted. (Report appears in proper place in Revised National Association Agreement.)

The Nominating Committee then presented its report as follows:

For President, M. H. Sexton; for Vice-President, T. H. Murnane; for members of the National Board, Messrs. Barrow, Chivington, Baum, Baugh, Hanlon, Murnane, Carson, O'Rourke, Corish, Justice.

By Mr. Shropshire: Moved report be accepted and men named be declared elected.

By Mr. Peeper: That the name of R. L. Blewitt be substituted for that of J. H. O'Rourke as the Class B representative. Mr. Morris seconded Mr. Peeper's amendment.



1. Hauser; 2. Fromholz; 3. Grefe; 4. H. W. Stahlhefer, Pres.; 5. Turner; 6. Woolf; 7. Hauger; 8. Kibble; 9. Altermatt; 10. Winkelman; 11. C. E. Knoll, Mgr.; 12. Tepe; 13. Folmar; 14. Matthews.
EVANSVILLE TEAM—CHAMPIONS CENTRAL LEAGUE.

On roll call the name of Mr. Blewett was substituted for that of Mr. O'Rourke.

By Mr. Shropshire: That we now adopt the report of the Committee on Nominations as amended. Adopted.

Mr. Shropshire offered the following resolution on the death of the sister of President Sexton:

"WHEREAS, The sad news has been conveyed to this convention of the sudden death of the sister of our beloved President, at her home in Rock Island, Ill.; and

"WHEREAS, This convention is deprived of the wise counsel of our presiding officer because he has returned to his home to attend the last sad rites of his loved one; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues, in annual convention assembled, does hereby sorrowfully extend to Mr. M. H. Sexton, President, its sympathy in the great loss he has sustained; and further, that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to Mr. Sexton and the same be recorded upon the minutes of our Association." Adopted.

By Mr. Chivington: That Mr. Farrell be selected by the National Association and named as its member of the Committee on Playing Rules. Adopted.

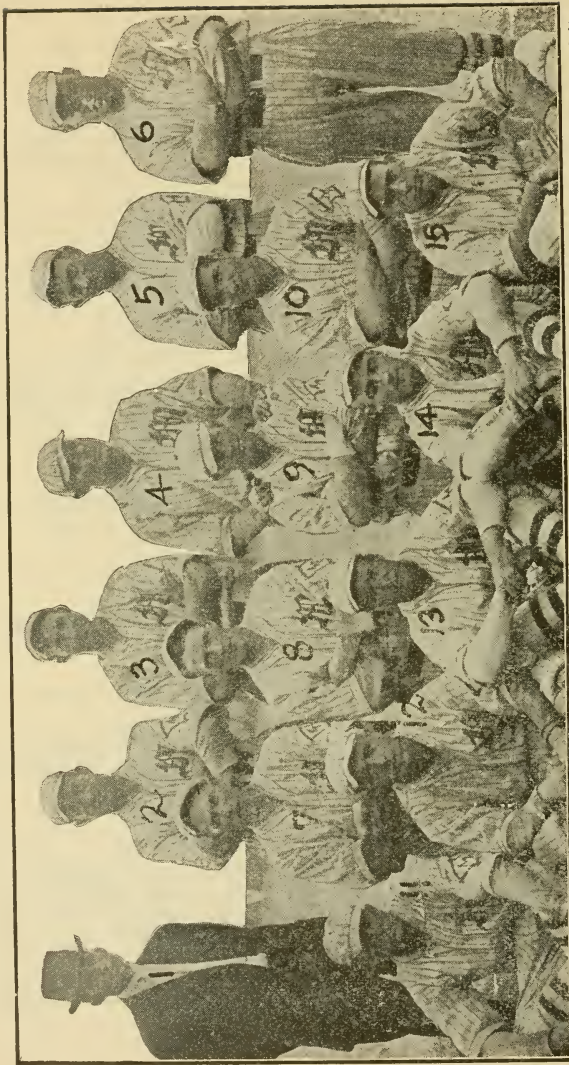
By Mr. Baum: That thirty days' vacation be granted the Secretary at any time he may select. Adopted.

Mr. Ebbetts thanked the Convention, expressing his appreciation of the privilege of being permitted to be present at its sessions.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, On the ninth day of September, 1915, in the State of California, at his home at Point Loma, Albert Goodwill Spalding, the pioneer of base ball, was called 'out' by the Great Umpire; and

"WHEREAS, This beloved man played the game of life as he played our great national pastime—on the level—and, from the time he gave up a \$5.00 a week job in a grocery store to become identified with base ball, until the date of his passing away, he was, perhaps, better known to the sport than any other man. To fans of the game he was known as the 'Father of Base Ball.' He became famous as a pitcher, one of the first to use the underhand delivery and later became the manager of clubs. Not only during his career on the diamond, but as an inter-



1, L. R. Blackman, Sec'y.; 2, G. E. Hughes, Mgr.; 3, Staley; 4, Clayton; 5, Selby, Capt.; 6, Eller; 7, Bohlen; 8, White; 9, Graham; 10, Davis; 11, Pettigrew; 12, Falk; 13, Neal; 14, Dobbins; 15, Carney.

MOLINE TEAM—CHAMPIONS INDIANA-ILLINOIS-IOWA LEAGUE.

ested follower of the game years afterwards, Mr. Spalding always used his influence to place the game on a high plane. In sport, in business, in politics, everywhere and at all times, he believed in the great Universal Brotherhood of Man. Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That The National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues, in Annual Convention assembled in the city of San Francisco, California, realizes that the game has sustained a great loss in the demise of Mr. Spalding, and directs that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Convention by the Secretary." Adopted.

"WHEREAS, The National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues has learned with profound regret of the death of Mr. Wallace R. Bray, Manager of the Venice Base Ball Club; and

"WHEREAS, We have always known him to be true to his own convictions of duty, both on and off the field, and a man who always rose to the demands of every occasion and who never failed to wield a powerful influence in the base ball world for what was honest, just and right; and

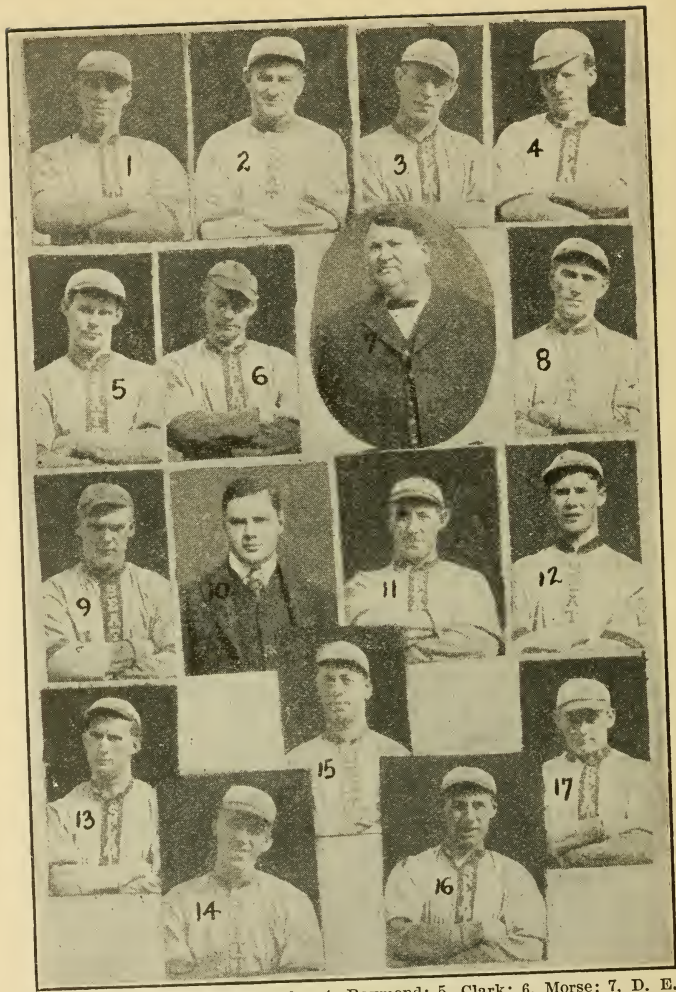
"WHEREAS, He was admitted for his many talents, for his honesty, uprightness and sterling qualities of manhood that brought reputation to himself and honor to his calling, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the announcement of the passing of the late Wallace R. Bray has been received by this body with profound sorrow and regret; that by his death California has lost a distinguished citizen, the Pacific Coast League and the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues have lost a competent, enthusiastic manager and ball player, whose unfaltering devotion and unswerving loyalty to all that is highest and best in base ball has endeared him to the hearts of all. Be it further

"Resolved, That the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues deeply sympathize with the bereaved family in the loss of a true and affectionate husband and a kind and loving son. That the Secretary of this body be, and he is hereby directed to transmit to the family of the deceased an engrossed copy of these resolutions duly attested; and further

"Resolved, That when we adjourn we do so as a mark of respect to his memory." Adopted.

"Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues be tendered to Mr. James Wood of the St. Francis Hotel for the many kindnesses

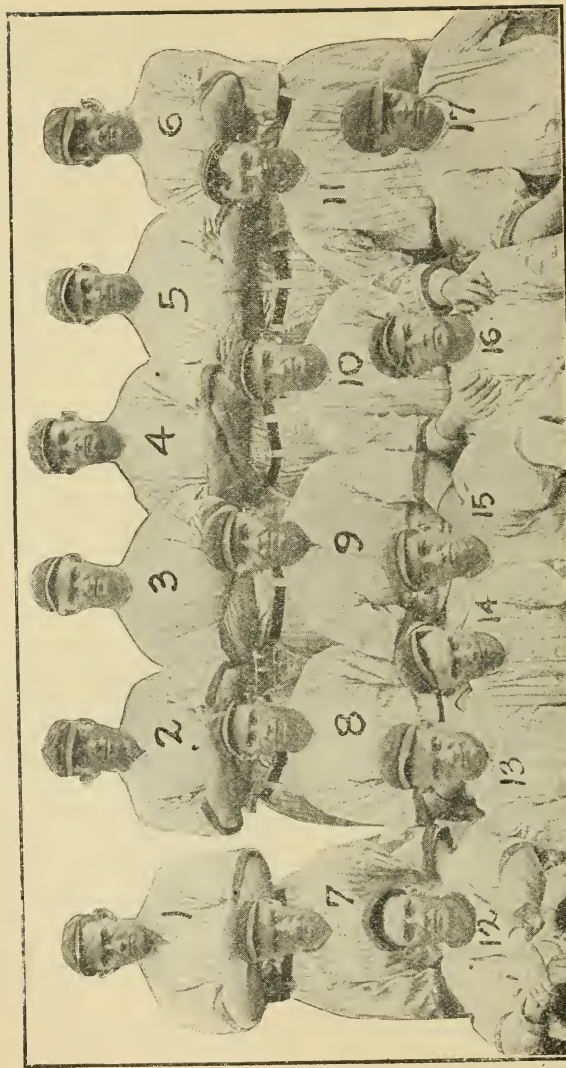


1, McIvor; 2, Million; 3, Brooks; 4, Raymond; 5, Clark; 6, Morse; 7, D. E. Dugdale, Pres.; 8, Cadmen; 9, Barth; 10, J. L. Norton, Sec'y.; 11, Shaw; 12, Day, Mascot; 13, Eastley; 14, Schmutz; 15, Guigni; 16, Rose; 17, Smith.

SEATTLE TEAM—CHAMPIONS NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

shown by him to each and every member of this Association; to Hon. J. O. Davis, Collector of the Port of San Francisco for his kindness in placing the steam launch at our disposal for the trip around the magnificent Bay of San Francisco; to the beautiful ladies of San Francisco and vicinity for the courteous, charming and lavish entertainment extended to our wives and sweethearts; to Mr. H. W. Berry, President of the San Francisco Ball Club; to the Pacific Coast League, and to all the good citizens of this marvelous city for the hearty, sincere and splendid work in making our stay in San Francisco such a wonderful success." Adopted.

By Mr. Shropshire: That we now adjourn. Adopted.



1, Toland; 2, Woilleben; 3, Sage; 4, Crieblow; 5, Grubb; 6, James; 7, Reilly; 8, Donalds; 9, Hardy, Mgr.; 10, Hill; 11, Coyle; 12, Ogle; 13, Markle; 14, Couwell; 15, Walters; 16, Tanner; 17, Malmquist.
WACO TEAM—CHAMPIONS TEXAS LEAGUE.

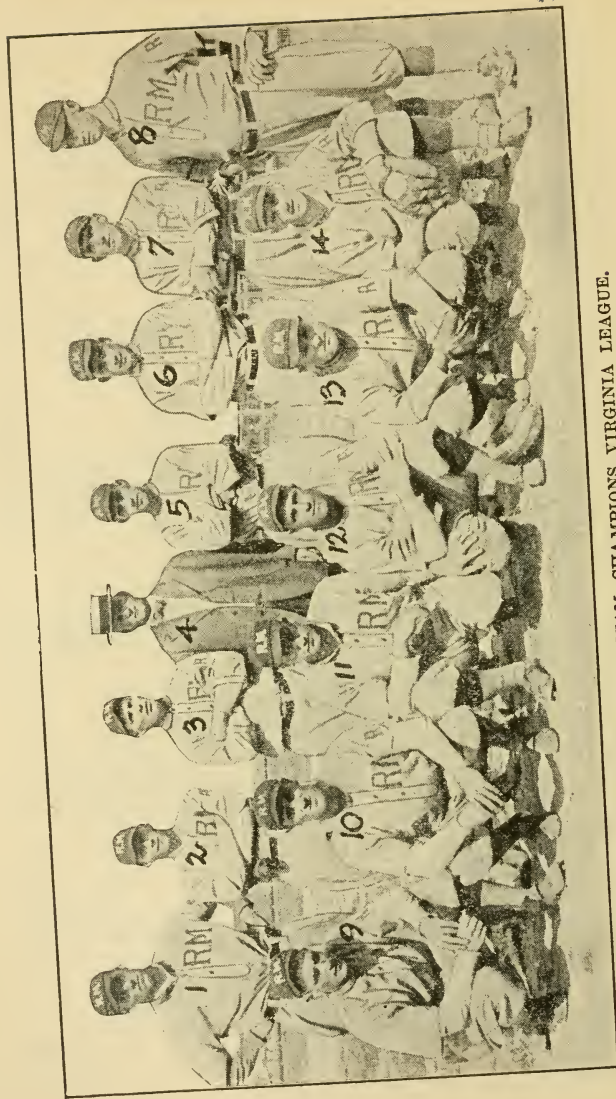
From Secretary Farrell's Report

Forty league organizations, embracing 262 cities and towns in the United States and Canada, qualified for membership in 1915.

Out of forty leagues qualifying for membership, ten did not commence the playing season; thirty started and twenty-five finished; one was disqualified and but four leagues dropped out, in a season of most unusual weather conditions.

In one league 105 games were postponed by rain in a four months playing season. Similar conditions prevailed throughout the country.

Number of telegrams received in this office during current year	2,389
Number of telegrams transmitted by this office.....	1,946
Number of players' contracts received, recorded and promulgated	5,472
Number of terms accepted, examined and promulgated..	919
Number of players released by purchase.....	1,003
Number of optional agreements approved between National Association clubs.....	91
Number of optional agreements exercised by National Association clubs	39
Number of players reported to this office for release....	2,840
Number of players reported for suspension.....	670
Number of players reported for reinstatement.....	236
Number of drafted players claimed under waiver rule...	7
Number of official bulletins issued by this office.....	19
Copies of official bulletins mailed from this office during the current year.....	9,000
Total number of disputed cases handled during the current year	738
Number of players drafted by major leagues:	
By National League.....	17
By American League.....	17 34
Number of players drafted by National Association clubs	51
Total amount received through this office for drafted players, including money refunded on National Association drafts disallowed:	
National League	\$21,950
American League	23,400
National Association	27,450
	\$72,800



ROCKY MOUNT TEAM—CHAMPIONS VIRGINIA LEAGUE.

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$72,800
Amount paid on optional agreements between National Association clubs		\$9,300
Amount paid for release by purchase between National Association clubs		47,457
Grand total received through this office for drafted players, optional agreement players and released by purchase players		\$129,557

In transacting the business of the National Association, together with the collecting of evidence in disputed cases, correspondence with players, managers, club owners, directors, league secretaries and league presidents, 15,634 letters were handled.

SUMMARY, 1915.

	Contracts	Terms Accepted	Released by Purchase	Optional Agreements	Options Exercised	Released	Suspended	Reinstated
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	50	24	32	..	..	1	..	..
3	137	81	72	2	..	20	1	3
4	240	60	166	1	..	37	..	6
5	206	84	81	1	..	30	..	2
6	278	81	39	4	..	45	69	6
7	290	95	62	4	..	150	45	12
8	467	105	79	17	..	227	60	30
9	565	108	45	20	..	295	43	22
10	538	36	55	22	..	356	91	8
11	465	51	45	30	..	320	64	19
12	384	18	57	21	..	201	50	13
13	381	22	39	11	..	264	48	11
14	288	19	42	18	..	171	48	40
15	247	16	42	13	..	186	36	21
16	305	38	58	13	2	169	40	15
17	263	49	..	..	..	262	40	13
18	204	18	64	13	37	57	29	9
19	164	14	25	..	..	49	6	6
	5,472	919	1,003	190	39	2,840	670	236



1, Nifnecker; 2, Clymer; 3, Dumont; 4, Barrett; 5, Flaherty; 6, Smith; 7, Nelson; 8, R. Unglaub, Mgr.; 9, R. V. Huth, Sec'y.; 10, Rhoades; 11, Hooper; 12, Paterson; 13, Mascot; 14, Dries; 15, Bell; 16, Murphy.
FARGO-MOORHEAD TEAM—CHAMPIONS NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Leagues Classified

The following organizations qualified for membership during the year 1915:

CLASS AA.

American Association—T. M. Chivington, President, Chicago, Ill. Members: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, Columbus, Cleveland, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Louisville.

International League—E. G. Barrow, President, New York. Members: Richmond, Va., Toronto, Buffalo, Rochester, Providence, Harrisburg, Pa., Jersey City, Montreal.

Pacific Coast League—A T. Baum, President, San Francisco, Cal. Members: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Portland, Salt Lake City, Utah,, Venice, Cal.

CLASS A.

Western League—N. L. O'Neill, President, Chicago, Ill. Members: Denver, Sioux City, Lincoln, Des Moines, Omaha, Wichita, Kans., Topeka, St. Joseph.

Southern Association—R. H. Baugh, President, Birmingham, Ala. Members: New Orleans, Chattanooga, Tenn., Mobile Memphis, Montgomery, Nashville, Atlanta, Birmingham.

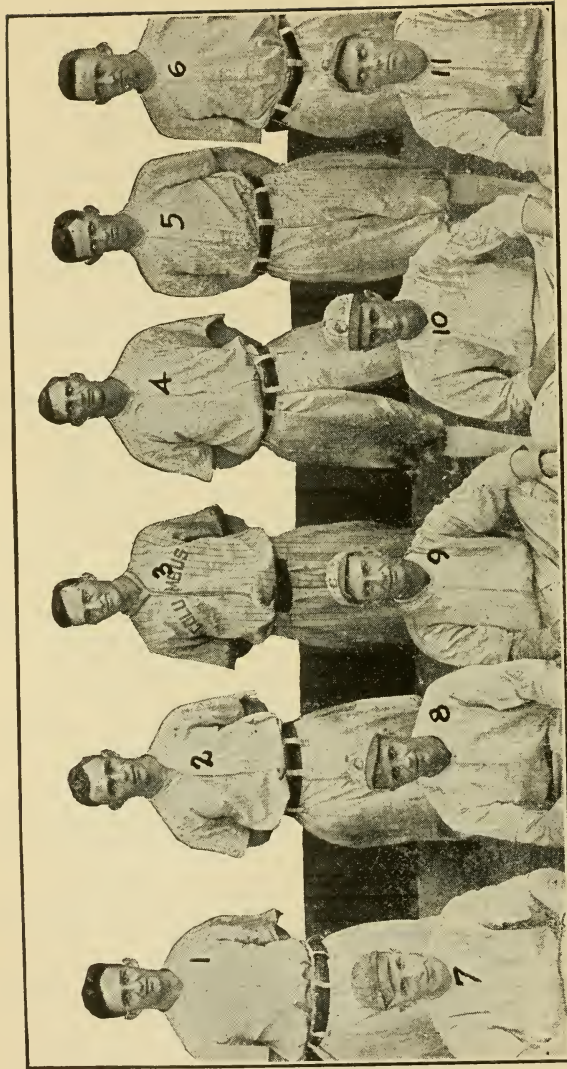
CLASS B.

Texas League—W. R. Davidson, President, Waco, Texas. Members: San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco, Shreveport, La., Beaumont.

Eastern Association—J. H. O'Rourke, President, Bridgeport, Conn. Members: Bridgeport, New Britian, New Haven, Springfield, Mass., Hartford, Waterbury, Pittsfield, Mass., New London. Did not start.

Central League—L. Heilbronner, President, Fort Wayne, Ind. Members: Terre Haute, Evansville, Ind., Grand Rapids, Dayton, Ft. Wayne, Wheeling, W. Va., Youngstown, O., Erie, Pa.

New England League—T. H. Murnane, President, Boston, Mass. Members: Lowell, Haverhill, Portland, Me., Worcester, Lynn, Lewiston, Me., Fitchburg, Mass., Lawrence.



1, Thompson; 2, Folmar; 3, Robertson; 4, Herndon; 5, McDuff; 6, Potts; 7, Bowden; 8, Voss; 9, Krebs; 10, J. C. Fox, Mgr.; 11, Redding.
COLUMBUS TEAM—CHAMPIONS SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

New York State League—J. H. Farrell, President, Auburn, N. Y. Members: Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Binghamton, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Utica, Elmira.

Illinois-Iowa-Indiana League—A. R. Tearney, President, Chicago, Ill. Members: Peoria, Moline, Ill., Dubuque, Bloomington, Davenport, Quincy, Ill., Rockford, Ill., Decatur.

Northwestern League—R. L. Blewett, President, Seattle, Wash. Members: Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Aberdeen, Victoria, B. C.

Tri-State League—Geo. M. Graham, President, Philadelphia, Pa. Members: Allentown, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., Wilmington, Del., Harrisburg, Trenton, Reading. Did not start.

CLASS C.

South Atlantic League—N. P. Corish, President, Savannah, Ga. Members: Jacksonville, Fla., Augusta, Savannah, Macon, Charleston, S. C., Columbus, Ga., Albany, Ga., Columbia, S. C. Changed closing date.

Virginia League—C. O. Boatwright, President, Danville, Va. Members: Rocky Mount, N. C., Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Va., Petersburg, Newport News.

Wisconsin-Illinois League—F. R. Weeks, President, Green Bay, Wis. Members: Green Bay, Oshkosh, Marinette-Menominee, Rockford, Ill., Madison, Wausau, Wis., Appleton, Wis., Racine, Wis. Did not start.

Northern League—John Burmeister, President, Minneapolis, Minn. Members: Duluth, Superior, Grand Forks, Winnipeg, Fargo, N. D., Fort William, St. Boniface, Man., Virginia City, Minn.

Canadian League—J. P. Fitzgerald, President, Toronto, Ont. Members: Hamilton, Brantford, London, St. Thomas, Toronto, Peterboro, Ottawa, Guelph, Ont.

Southern Michigan Association—James Frank, President, Jackson, Mich. Members: Battle Creek, Jackson, Mich., Saginaw, Bay City, Flint, South Bend, Ind. Failed to finish.

Colonial League—C. B. Coppen, President, Providence, R. I. Members: Fall River, Mass., Brockton, Mass., Taunton, New Bedford, Mass., Pawtucket, R. I., Woonsocket, R. I. Dropped.



1, Singleton; 2, McGlade; 3, Baichley; 4, Bold; 5, Harman; 6, Lunte; 7, Morgan; 8, C. W. Kaletsch, Pres.; 9, D. Rohn, Mgr.; 10, Blunk; 11, Rolleg; 12, Page; 13, Minert; 14, McCullough.

BURLINGTON TEAM—CHAMPIONS CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

CLASS D.

Western Canada League—J. M. Fleming, President, Edmonton. Members: Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat. Did not start.

Central Association—M. E. Justice, President, Keokuk, Ia. Members: Burlington, Mason City, Ia., Keokuk, Clinton, Ia., Marshalltown, Ia., Muscatine, Waterloo, Cedar Rapids.

Ohio State League—R. W. Read, President, Columbus, O. Members: Chillicothe, Portsmouth, O., Ironton, Lexington, Frankfort, Ky., Charleston, W. Va.

Illinois-Missouri League—C. A. Cline, President, Clinton, Ill. Members: Lincoln, Ill., Streator, Kankakee, Champaign, Ottawa, Ill., LaSalle, Ill. Did not start.

North Carolina Association—A. Lyon, President, High Point, N. C. Members: Charlotte, N. C., Winston-Salem, Durham, Greensboro, Raleigh, Asheville, N. C.

Michigan State League—E. W. Dickerson, President, Grand Rapids, Mich. Members: Traverse City, Muskegon, Cadillac, Mich., Manistee, Ludington. Did not start.

Kentucky-Illinois-Tennessee League—F. H. Bassett, President, Hopkinsville, Ky. Members: Paducah, Ky., Cairo, Owensboro Henderson. Did not start.

Nebraska State League—C. J. Miles, President, Hastings, Neb. Members: Hastings, York, Neb., Columbus, Superior, Kearney, Norfolk, Neb., Grand Island, Neb., Beatrice. Failed to finish.

Texas and Oklahoma League—C. O. Johnson, President, Durant, Okla. Members: Dennis, Durant, Paris, Tex., Texarkana. Did not start.

Kansas State League—R. C. Gafford, President, Minneapolis, Kas. Members: Hutchison, Emporia, Kas., Minneapolis, Kas., Salina. Did not start.

Middle Texas League—H. P. Robertson, President, Temple, Texas. Members: Temple, Belton, Bartlett, Brenham, Lampasas, Georgetown. Failed to finish.

Interstate League—J. A. Lindsey, President, Bradford, Pa. Members: Jamestown, Olean, Wellsville, Hornell, N. Y., Bradford, Pa., Warren, Pa.

Western Association—W. P. Hill, President, McAlester, Okla. Members: Oklahoma City, McAlester, Muskogee, Tulsa, Sherman, Tex., Denison, Tex.



1, McHenry; 2, Johnson; 3, Jacobus; 4, Tert; 5, Ferguson; 6, Huber; 7, Hancock; 8, Diltz; 9, Spencer, Mgr.; 10, Shannon; 11, Dillhoeffer; 12, Caton; 13, Bush.
PORTSMOUTH TEAM—CHAMPIONS OHIO STATE LEAGUE.

Central Texas League—E. A. Brown, President, Ennis, Texas. Members: Mexia, Ennis, West, Waxahachie, Corsicana. Changed closing date.

Bi-State League—B. M. Parson, President, Madison, Wis. Members: Aurora, Ill., Elgin, Freeport, Racine, Wis. Failed to finish.

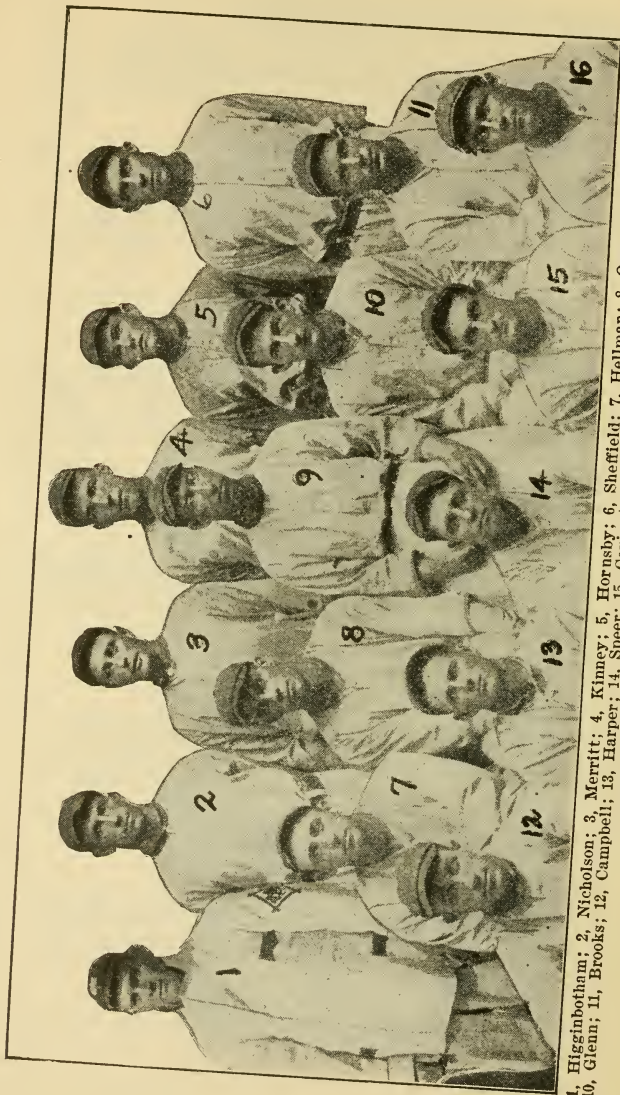
Georgia-Alabama League—C. L. Bruner, President, Talladega, Ala. Members: Anniston, Talladega, Rome, Lagrange, Newnan, Griffin, Ga.

F.-L.-A.-G. League—Dick Jamison, President, Atlanta, Ga. Members: Americus, Brunswick, Dothan, Thomasville, Waycross, Valdosta. Changed closing date.

Blue Ridge League—C. W. Boyer, President, Hagerstown, Md. Members: Hagerstown, Md., Martinsburg, W. Va., Frederick, Md., Gettysburg, Pa., Chambersburg, Pa., Hanover, Pa.

Rio Grande League—E. P. Hughes, President, El Paso, Texas. Members: El Paso, Texas, Albuquerque, N. M., Las Cruces, N. M., Tucson, Ariz., Phoenix, Ariz., Douglas, Ariz. Failed to finish.

Atlantic League—R. M. Cox, President, Middletown, N. Y. Members: Middletown, Paterson, Perth Amboy, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Long Branch, Danbury, Asbury Park. Did not start.



1, Higginbotham; 2, Nicholson; 3, Merritt; 4, Kinney; 5, Hornsby; 6, Sheffield; 7, Hellman; 8, Query; 9, A. Peebles, Mgr.; 10, Glenn; 11, Brooks; 12, Campbell; 13, Harper; 14, Speer; 15, Covington; 16, Edmunds.

DENISON TEAM—CHAMPIONS WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Drafted Players

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

By Brooklyn—From New Orleans, Reilly, \$1,500; from Seattle, Barth, \$1,200; from Syracuse, Prieste, \$1,200; from Vancouver, Colwell, \$1,200.

By Boston—From Indianapolis, Blackburn, \$2,500.

By Pittsburgh—From Galveston, Madden, \$1,200; from Lexington, Blackwell, \$500.

By St. Louis—From Durham, Hiller, \$500.

By Chicago—From Davenport, Mulligan, \$1,200; from Birmingham, Wallace, \$1,500; from Memphis, Allison, \$1,500; from Mobile, Hogg, \$1,500; from Virginia, Minn., Wright, \$750.

By New York—From Portland, Me., Farrell, \$1,200; from Portsmouth, Ohio, Sharman, \$500; From Little Rock, Baker, \$1,500; from Toronto, Koscher, \$2,500.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

By Washington—From Minneapolis, Rondeau, \$2,500.

By Philadelphia—From Peoria, Stellbauer, \$1,200; from Portsmouth, Va., Damrau, \$750; from Greensboro, Ray, \$500; from Marshalltown, Richardson, \$500; from Cedar Rapids, Seibold, \$500.

By Detroit—From Fort Worth, Harper, \$1,200; from Oklahoma City, Fagan, \$500.

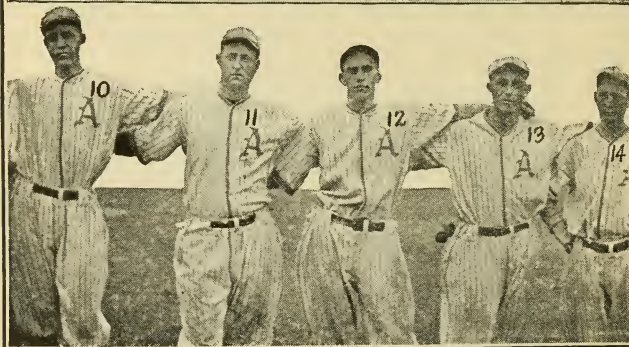
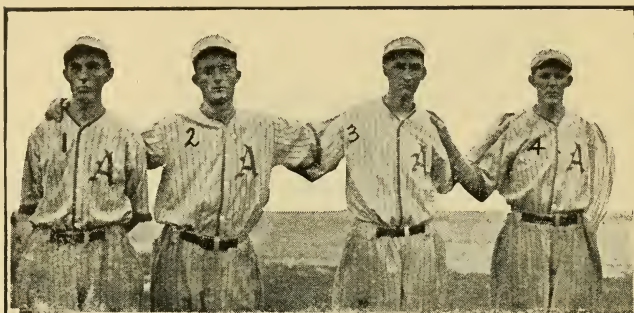
By New York—From Venice, Cal., Piercey, \$2,500; from Omaha, Blodgett, \$1,500; from Chattanooga, Ross, \$1,500; from Ottawa, Ont., Shocker, \$750; from Bradford, Cable, \$500; from Los Angeles, Love, \$2,500; from Topeka, Brown, \$1,500.

By Chicago—From Salt Lake City, Lynn, \$2,500; from Louisville, Danforth, \$2,500.

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By Milwaukee—From Waco, Crichlow, \$750; from Galveston, Madden (disallowed); from Fort Worth, Harper (disallowed); from Virginia, Faeth, \$500.

By Los Angeles—From Denver, Galloway, \$1,000; from Bloomington, Jackson, \$750; from Lawrence, Thompson, \$750.



1, Bradshaw; 2, Perritt; 3, Corbett, Mgr.; 4, Bumb; 5, Allison; 6, Ferris; 7, Seveir, Mascot; 8, Lowe; 9, Fortune; 10, McCoy; 11, Fenton; 12, Woodall; 13, Hickman; 14, Hewell.

ASHEVILLE TEAM—CHAMPIONS NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE.

By Salt Lake City—From San Antonio, Mullen, \$750.

By Indianapolis—From Erie, Aldridge, \$750; from Sioux City, Kirby, \$1,000; from Fort Worth, Kerr, \$750.

By Providence—From Houston, McDonald, \$750; from Utica, O'Neill, \$750; from Lawrence, Thompson (disallowed).

By Louisville—From Nashville, Farmer, \$1,000

By Richmond, Va.—From Lewiston, Ritter, \$750.

By Portland, Ore.—From Syracuse, Quinn, \$750; from Keokuk, Hollicker, \$400.

By Indianapolis—From Virginia, Faeth (disallowed).

By Minneapolis—From Norfolk, Humphries, \$500.

By Lincoln, Neb.—From Muscatine, Lee, \$300.

By Denver—From Hornell, Webb, \$300; from Utica, O'Neill (disallowed); from Marshalltown, Harris, \$300.

By Mobile—From Charlotte, Ledbetter, \$300; from Beaumont, Martina (disallowed).

By Memphis—From Fort Worth, Harper (disallowed).

By Atlanta—From Charlotte, Munch, \$300; from Norfolk, Thrasher, \$400.

By Denver—From Tacoma, Stevens, \$600; from Gettysburg, Howard, \$300.

By Chattanooga—From Suffolk, Efird, \$400; from Beaumont, Martina, \$600; from Troy, Matteson (disallowed); from Fort Worth, Kerr (disallowed).

By Birmingham—From Burlington, Miller, \$300; from Burlington, Singleton, \$300; from Elmira, Muesel, \$600; from Wilkes-Barre, O'Rourke, \$600; from Hornell, Webb (disallowed); from Evansville, Hauser, \$600; from Olean, Clair, \$300.

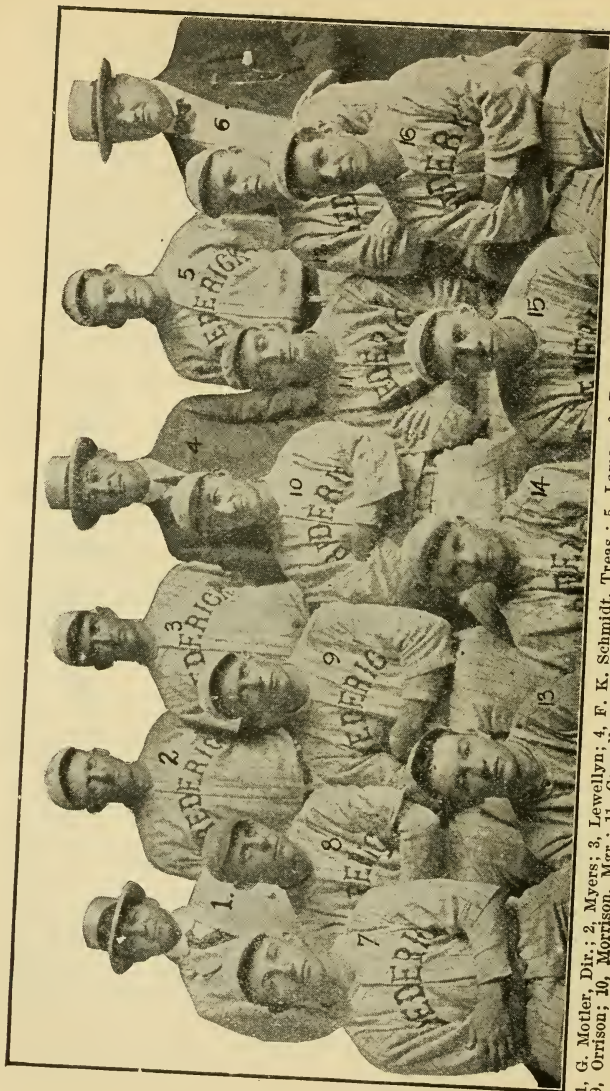
By Waco—From Rocky Mount, Bittle, \$400; from Savannah, Causey, \$400; from Raleigh, Myers (disallowed).

By Houston—From Tulsa, Burke (disallowed); from Raleigh, Citrano, \$300.

By Fort Worth—From Tulsa, Clements, \$300; from Tulsa, Burke, \$300; from Asheville, Woodall, \$300.

By Shreveport—From Columbia, S. C., Bernsen, \$400.

By Savannah—From Cedar Rapids, R. D. Milünger, \$300.



1, G. Motter, Dir.; 2, Myers; 3, Lewellyn; 4, F. K. Schmidt, Treas.; 5, Lamar; 6, Dr. McCurdy, Dir.; 7, Barnhart; 8, Waite; 9, Orrison; 10, Morrison, Mgr.; 11, Connolly; 12, Stevens; 13, Peck; 14, Whalen; 15, King; 16, Agnew.
FREDERICK TEAM—CHAMPIONS BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE.

Miscellaneous

The Springfield, Ill., franchise in the I.-I.-I. League was transferred to Rock Island, Ill., December 1, 1914.

The franchise and players of the Galesburg, Ill., club in the Central Association were transferred to Muscatine, Iowa, February 4, 1915.

The franchise and players of Portland, Ore., in Northwestern League, were transferred to Aberdeen, Wash., February 4.

The Richmond, Va., franchise and players were transferred to Rocky Mount, N. C., February 4.

Territorial rights of the Virginia League in the territory of Richmond, Va., were transferred to the International League, February 4.

The franchise and players of the Sacramento, Cal., club were transferred to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the territory of Salt Lake added to the Pacific Coast League, February 4.

The territory of Denison, Texas, and Paris, Texas, of the Texas and Oklahoma League, was added to the Western Association, February 4.

The Eastern Association dropped the territory of Waterbury and New Britain, February 25.

The territory of Sherman, Texas, was added to the Western Association, February 25.

The Gadsden franchise and players in Georgia-Alabama League were transferred to Griffin, Ga., March 12.

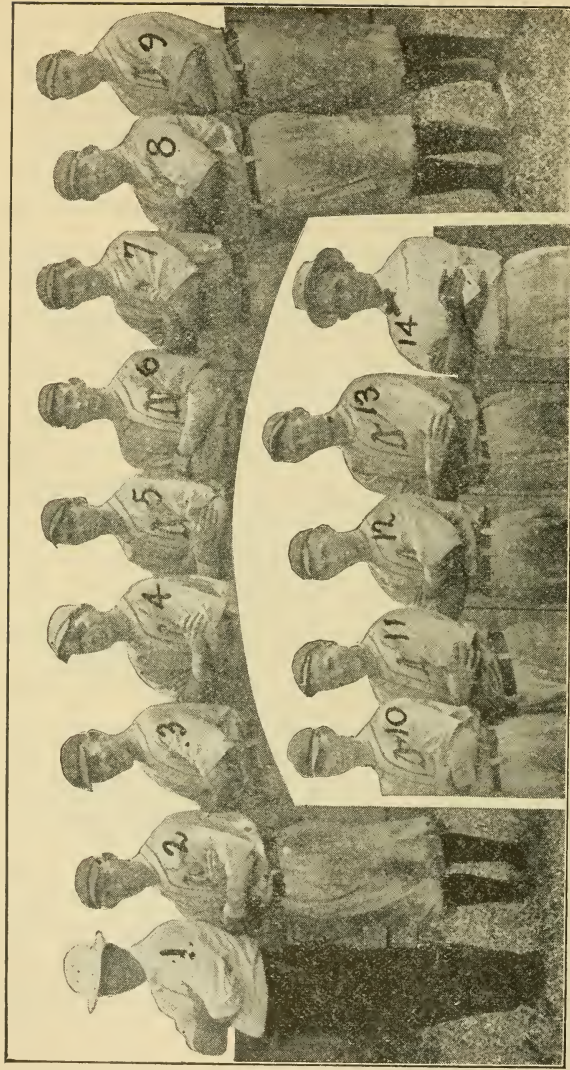
The territory of Opelika and Selma, Ala., was dropped from the Georgia-Alabama League, March 12.

The Cordele, Ga., franchise and players, in the Georgia State League, were transferred to Dothan, Ala., March 12.

The territory of Wheeling, W. Va., Erie, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio, was added to the Central League, March 12.

The Ohio State League reorganized, embracing the territory of Charleston, W. Va., Portsmouth, Ohio, Chillicothe, Ohio, Ironton, Ohio, Frankfort and Lexington, Ky., March 29.

The Racine, Wis., club, manager and players were transferred to Rockford, Ill., April 14.



1, Fisher; 2, Boyd; 3, Burgess; 4, Walker; 5, Mackie; 6, Whitney; 7, Newton; 8, Mathews, Mgr.; 9, Griffin; 10, Knight; 11, Flynn; 12, Terry; 13, Nabors; 14, J. T. Williams, Pres.

NEWNAN TEAM—CHAMPIONS GEORGIA-ALABAMA LEAGUE.

The players of Marinette-Menominee were transferred to St. Boniface, Northern League, April 26.

The territory of Terrell and Mexia was added to the Central Texas League, May 4.

The territory of Hanover, Pa., and Hagerstown, Md., was added to the Blue Ridge League, May 4.

The application of the Colonial League to adopt its own form of contract was denied by the National Board, May 21.

The Colonial League membership in the National Association was cancelled, May 21.

The Americus, Ga., franchise in the Georgia State League was transferred to Gainesville, Fla., June 1.

The name of the Georgia State League was changed to the F.-L.-A.-G. League, June 16.

The territory of Grand Forks and Superior, Wis., was dropped from the Northern League, July 22.

The players of the Macon, Ga., club were on July 22 declared not subject to sale, draft or reservation on account of default of club.

The Aberdeen and Victoria clubs were dropped from the Northwestern League, August 12.

The Petersburg, Va., franchise was surrendered to the Virginia League, August 12.

The franchise and players of the Chillicothe club, in the Ohio State League, were transferred to Maysville, Ky., August 12.

The Decatur club and franchise in the I.-I.-I. League were surrendered to the league, August 12.



1, Wilcox; 2, Cherry; 3, Behan; 4, Sisley; 5, Keener; 6, Horn; 7, Murphy; 8, Steinfield; 9, Cully; 10, Whitmore; 11, Lohr, Mgr.; 12, E. A. Rathbone, Pres.; 13, Apple, Capt.; 14, Padgett. Stewart, Photo.

WELLSVILLE TEAM—CHAMPIONS INTER-STATE LEAGUE.

Important Rules of Base Ball

The first notice of terms accepted received by wire or otherwise in the Secretary's office (followed by proofs) shall have precedence and shall be binding. Notice of "terms accepted" must be filed within ten days.

All National Association clubs shall be required to file with the Secretary copies of agreements entered into relating to the release by purchase of players by one National Association club or another.

Non-Reserve clause contracts are abolished and no such Non-Reserve contracts shall be promulgated, excepting by permission of the National Board of Arbitration of the National Association.

No sale of a minor league player by one minor league club to another shall be permitted after August 26 of each year.

Failure to file with the Secretary of the National Association the contracts of any player within thirty days after the time such player joins said club shall subject the club to a fine of \$25 for each and every offense.

When a player is reported for suspension, the reason must be given. If reason is not given, player's salary continues and suspension shall be considered as not in force.

The practice of "farming" players is hereby prohibited. Any club employing the services of a player "farmed" shall at once be penalized by the National Board of Arbitration.

The sale or the release of a player who has been seriously injured during the playing season shall be null and void unless the selling club notify the buying club of such injury. No release by purchase shall be legal or claim valid for the purchase unless the sales agreements are filed in the Secretary's office within ten days, accompanied by a check.

On or before the first day of October in each year, the secretaries of leagues, parties hereto, entitled to the privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the Secretary of the Board a reserve list of players then under contract.

Class A—Within twenty days after opening of season 26 players, reduced to 15 players to August 25.

Class B—Within twenty days after opening of season 24 players, reduced to 14 players to August 25.

Class C—Within twenty days after opening of season 22 players, reduced to 14 players, including manager, to August 25.

Class D—Within twenty days after opening of season 22 players, reduced to 13 players, including manager, to August 25.

Any player who has entered into a contract with any club of an association party hereto, may be suspended without pay, or fined by such club or association, for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended or by the Board.

Any club member, club official (including club manager), identified with the National Association, or umpire, who shall at any time publicly, or otherwise, make charges reflecting upon the integrity of any club member, club official, club manager or umpire, in any of the leagues party hereto, shall be cited for appearance before the National Board of Arbitration for trial. Such trial shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the National Board. Failure to appear, or failure to substantiate such charges, shall subject the author to such penalties as the National Board may inflict. Upon such charges being proven, the accused shall be subject to such penalties as the National Board may inflict.

Classification of leagues to be governed by the aggregate population of the cities represented: Class AA, 1,750,000; Class A, 1,000,000; Class B, 400,000 to 1,000,000; Class C, 200,000 to 400,000; Class D, up to 200,000.

On or before the 25th day of October the Presidents of the respective clubs of the National Association must submit to the Presidents of their respective leagues the names of the officers or directors of their clubs who will be entitled to admission to the meetings of the National Association. The Presidents of the leagues will in turn mail said lists to the Secretary of the National Association in time to reach that office by November 1. All persons so certified shall be entitled to seats on the floor and to participate in the deliberations of the meeting, but no other persons shall have such privileges without having first obtained the approval of their credentials by a majority vote of the Association.

In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon National Association clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Association Agreement in any instance, in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of con-

duct detrimental to the general welfare of the game, or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Association Agreement.

A manager or player who has a claim against a club shall first file his claim against the club with the President of the league of which the club is a member. The President shall, within five days, rule on such claim and notify the claimant of the decision. Either party may appeal from the ruling of the President to the National Board in the same manner that other claims are filed with the National Board of Arbitration.

The fee for membership and protection under this Agreement, with the right of reservation:

For each club in Class AA, the sum of \$200.

For each club in Class A, the sum of \$100.

For each club in Class B, the sum of \$50.

For each club in Class C, the sum of \$25.

For each club in Class D, the sum of \$15.

For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession from a league in a lower class during the following period:

Class AA, between September 22 and September 27.

Class A, between September 30 and October 4.

Class B, between October 15 and October 20.

Clubs from a higher class selecting players from leagues of a lower class shall pay to the Secretary of the Board for the benefit and account of the club from which the selection is made, the following sums, viz:

The Class AA leagues shall pay for players in Class A leagues, \$1,000; the Class AA leagues shall pay for players in Class B leagues, \$750; the Class AA leagues shall pay for players in Class C leagues, \$500; the Class AA leagues shall pay for players in Class D leagues, \$400.

Class A leagues and lower classifications shall pay the following sums, full payment to be made at time of selection, provided, however, that not more than two players shall be selected from each club of said class. Provided, furthermore, that the Class AA leagues are prohibited from drafting from any Class A club that has already lost one player during the drafting period to a major league club, and not more than one player shall be drafted from each club in Class A by clubs in Class AA; not more than one player shall be drafted from each club in Class B by clubs in Class AA; not more than one player shall be drafted from each club in Class B by clubs in Class A.

For players in Class B, \$600.

For players in Class C, \$400.

For players in Class D, \$300.

No player drafted from one club in any league, by a club of a higher classification, shall be turned over to another club in any league of the same or lower classification, unless the club from which he was drafted shall waive claim to re-purchase at the draft price.

Clubs losing players through selection by draft shall immediately turn over to the selecting club the contract of the player so selected. Failure to forward such contract to the Secretary within fifteen days will subject such club to a fine of \$25.

The control of the services of umpires shall be vested in the respective leagues in which such umpires shall be employed, and their services shall be subject to sale or draft under the same conditions, at the same price, and at the same time as it is prescribed for the drafting of players, the money received therefrom to be paid in the same manner as is paid for drafted players, such sum to be for benefit of the league treasury. Following prices shall prevail for drafts:

Class AA from A.....	\$300	Class A from C.....	\$150
B.....	250	D.....	100
C.....	200	Class B from C.....	150
D.....	150	D.....	100
Class A from B.....	200	Class C from D.....	50

Upon complaint of any league, that certain leagues or clubs are violating said limit, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to arrange for a meeting of the league of which the offending club or clubs are members, and said offending clubs must submit their books for the inspection of the Secretary of the National Board or such member of the Board as he may delegate to represent him at such meeting.

Clubs under the protection of this Agreement are strictly prohibited from advancing any money to players on account of salary, except for the purpose of transportation.

The maximum club salary limit per month of the several leagues shall be as follows:

Southern Association...	\$3,200	Class C.....	\$1,400
Western League.....	2,800	Class D.....	1,200
Class B.....	2,000		

Any player, manager or club, party to an illegal contract or salary limit, shall be penalized as follows: Player suspended 60 days without pay. Manager fined \$100. Club fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$300. Fines to be for benefit of league treasury.

John H. Farrell

The Remarkable Secretary of the National Association.

Perhaps the ablest all-around man in the handling of Base Ball affairs is John H. Farrell, Secretary of the National Association and National Board. Mr. Farrell handles an organization with fully 8,000 players to care for. He looks after every case personally and can tell in an instant the standing of every club and player in the immense minor league association. He writes all the decisions of the National Board, and his work in this line is especially brilliant. John H. Farrell has served the National Association since its birth and has grown stronger each season with the army of Base Ball men all over the country.

The Passing Out of Two Veteran Leagues

For over twenty years New England supported two Class B leagues. Then came a cry for a more representative league for this important Base Ball district. The old Connecticut League had changed to the Eastern Association, but went on the rocks when called on to fight the Federal League. The New England League had seen sixteen successive seasons without a break. The five-year agreement was up and the majority of the clubs were ready to form some kind of a new combination.

The Eastern Association was reduced to three clubs and thereby lost their standing in organized Base Ball. The National Board was appealed to and appointed Messrs. Barrow, Farrell and Murnane a committee with full power to settle matters in New England. The result was a merger of five clubs from each league, taking in the cities of Portland, Lynn, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and New London. T. H. Murnane was elected President of the new organization, which was called the Eastern League.

Murnane's 1916 Don'ts

- Don't play safe.
- Don't underrate your opponent.
- Don't criticize your superiors.
- Don't go back on your promise.
- Don't let up to save yourself for the future.
- Don't blame the coacher for your poor work on the base line.
- Don't try to make "little" of the umpires.
- Don't try to show up waiters at hotels.
- Don't talk shop with strangers.
- Don't fail to keep posted on the playing rules.
- Don't recommend umpires and players that you never saw at work.
- Don't depend on any fellow magnate's friendship to help strengthen your team.
- Don't blame some other fellow for the trouble you brought about.
- Don't think that the game will not flourish when you have cashed in.
- Don't fail to note the strength and direction of the wind before a game.
- Don't fail to appreciate regular hours for sleep when possible.
- Don't belittle the minor league player of to-day. He may be the star player next year.
- Don't forget that it's the men who write Base Ball for the papers that make big gate receipts possible.
- Don't be afraid to practice at every opportunity.
- Don't depend on the trainer, but look out for yourself.
- Don't read small print or any kind of print on moving trains.
- Don't read the papers if you are sensitive to criticism.

Standing of Clubs at Close of 1915 Season

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Club.	Minn.	St.P.	Ind.	Louis.	K.C.	Mil.	Clev.	Col.	W.	L.	PC.
Minneapolis	9	13	11	16	13	16	14	92	62	.597	
St. Paul.....	13	..	11	15	11	14	13	90	63	.588	
Indianapolis	9	11	..	11	11	12	14	81	70	.536	
Louisville	11	7	10	..	12	14	10	14	78	.520	
Kansas City.....	6	11	11	10	..	9	13	11	71	.473	
Milwaukee	9	7	9	7	13	..	9	13	67	.453	
Cleveland	6	9	7	12	8	12	..	13	67	.450	
Columbus	8	9	9	6	8	7	7	..	54	.372	

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE.

Club.	G.	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	PC.
Frederick	77	53	23	1	.697
Martinsburg	78	44	30	4	.595
Hanover	79	42	35	2	.545
Hagerstown	78	34	42	2	.447
Gettysburg	82	28	48	6	.368
Chambersburg	84	28	51	5	.354

CANADIAN LEAGUE.

Club.	Otta.	Glph.	Ham.	Bford.	Lond.	St.T.	Won.	Lost.	PC.
Ottawa	..	18	11	14	13	16	72	39	.649
Guelph	9	..	9	12	15	14	59	51	.537
Hamilton	6	13	..	13	9	14	55	48	.534
Brantford	9	5	11	..	12	15	52	55	.485
London	8	9	9	8	..	16	50	58	.463
St. Thomas	7	6	8	8	9	..	38	75	.337

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	PC.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	PC.
Burlington	81	34	.706	Keokuk	51	48	.515
Muscatine	63	49	.563	Waterloo	52	64	.448
Cedar Rapids.....	54	47	.535	Marshalltown	46	60	.434
Mason City.....	58	52	.527	Clinton*	13	64	.169

* Many games thrown out because of violation of rules.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Club.	Evan.	G.R.	You.	T.H.	Erie.	F.W.	Whl.	Day.	W.	L.	PC.
Evansville	..	10	10	10	10	7	12	13	72	50	.590
Grand Rapids	6	..	8	10	9	11	12	12	68	54	.557
Youngstown	7	8	..	9	11	10	9	12	66	56	.546
Terre Haute	8	8	9	..	8	10	11	12	66	58	.532
Erie	8	9	7	10	..	9	11	10	64	58	.525
Fort Wayne	11	7	7	6	8	..	10	13	62	60	.509
Wheeling	6	6	9	7	7	8	..	7	50	76	.397
Dayton	4	6	6	6	5	5	11	..	43	79	.352

GEORGIA-ALABAMA LEAGUE.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	PC.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	PC.
Newnan	39	20	.661	Rome	27	31	.466
Talladega	39	22	.639	Anniston	22	38	.367
Griffin	32	28	.533	LaGrange	18	38	.327

FLORIDA-LOUISIANA-ALABAMA-GEORGIA LEAGUE.

First Series.					Second Series.				
Club.	Won.	Lost.	Tie.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	Tie.	P.C.
Brunswick	32	17	1	.653	Valdosta	17	5	1	.773
Dothan	28	19	3	.596	Waycross	17	6	1	.739
Waycross	24	24	3	.500	Dothan	17	7	1	.708
Gainesville	21	28	2	.429	Gainesville	8	14	2	.364
Thomasville	19	26	3	.422	Thomasville	6	17	..	.261
Valdosta	18	28	4	.391	Brunswick	4	20	..	.167

President Jemison states: "In post-season series Valdosta won 2 games, Brunswick 1, and then Brunswick players struck and I declared pennant won by Valdosta."

INDIANA-ILLINOIS-IOWA LEAGUE.

First Season.				Second Season.			
Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Davenport	41	22	.667	Moline	40	19	.678
Rockford	41	28	.594	Peoria	36	29	.554
Quincy	38	27	.585	Davenport	32	30	.516
Moline	35	32	.522	Rockford	31	30	.508
Peoria	32	34	.485	Quincy	27	29	.482
Bloomington	25	37	.403	Freeport	24	34	.414
Decatur	24	41	.369	Bloomington	23	39	.371
Dubuque*	24	42	.364	Decatur†	13	16	

* Dubuque dropped out at the close of the first season, Freeport taking its place.

† Decatur disbanded August 10, and the league finished the season with seven clubs.

In the post-season series for the championship Moline won the first three games, Davenport took the next two, and Moline won the championship by winning the sixth game.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Club.	Buff.	Prov.	Tor.	Roch.	Mont.	Hbg.	Rich.	J.C.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Buffalo	..	9	8	12	12	17	16	12	86	50	.632
Providence	10	..	10	11	14	13	11	16	85	53	.616
Toronto	12	9	..	10	9	9	9	14	72	67	.518
Rochester	7	9	10	..	11	10	12	10	69	69	.500
Montreal	8	6	11	9	..	12	9	12	67	70	.489
Harrisburg	2	7	11	10	6	..	14	11	61	76	.445
Richmond	4	9	11	8	11	6	..	10	59	81	.422
Jersey City	7	4	6	9	7	9	10	..	52	85	.380

INTERSTATE LEAGUE.

First Season.				Second Season.			
Club.	G.	W.	L.	Club.	G.	W.	L.
Olean	44	29	14	Wellsville	44	26	17
Wellsville	43	28	15	Olean	40	23	16
Bradford	44	21	22	Bradford	43	21	20
Jamestown	43	20	23	Hornell	47	23	24
Warren	42	15	27	Warren	42	18	23
Hornell	42	15	27	Jamestown	28	8	19

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

Club.	Port.	Law.	Lynn.	Wor.	Low.	Lew.	Man.	Fitch.	W.	L.	P.C.
Portland	..	12	14	10	9	11	10	11	77	42	.647
Lawrence	6	..	8	9	8	10	10	11	62	54	.534
Lynn	4	10	..	8	11	9	12	8	62	57	.521
Worcester ..	8	7	10	..	6	6	13	8	58	56	.509
Lowell	5	9	6	7	..	9	5	13	54	55	.495
Lewiston	6	5	5	11	4	..	12	7	50	59	.459
Manchester ..	6	6	6	2	12	5	..	11	48	67	.417
Fitchburg ..	7	5	8	9	5	9	5	..	48	69	.410

NEW YORK STATE LEAGUE.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Binghamton	79	44	.642	Syracuse	60	60	.500
Utica	73	46	.614	Wilkes-Barre	54	60	.474
Elmira	72	53	.576	Troy	44	76	.359
Scranton	68	55	.553	Albany	33	89	.279

First Series. NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE. Second Series.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Asheville	39	21	.650	Asheville	35	25	.583
Raleigh	34	24	.586	Durham	34	27	.557
Durham	35	25	.583	Charlotte	33	27	.550
Winston	25	36	.410	Raleigh	29	33	.468
Greensboro	24	35	.407	Winston	28	33	.459
Charlotte	23	39	.371	Greensboro	22	36	.379

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Club.	F.-M.	St.B.	Ft.W.	Dul.	Wpg.	Vir.	G.F.	Sup.	W.	L.	Tie.	P.C.
Fargo-Mooreh'd ..	15	9	10	16	16	4	4	74	49	..	..	.602
St. Boniface....	9	..	12	8	14	6	10	2	61	55	6	.526
Ft. William....	9	..	7	10	16	5	5	61	58	8	..	.513
Duluth	10	5	13	..	6	14	3	9	60	62	4	.492
Winnipeg	12	11	5	14	..	9	4	3	58	61	9	.487
Virginia	5	9	18	12	4	..	2	3	53	69	2	.434
Grand Forks...	2	3	1	4	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	
Superior	2	3	0	7	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Seattle	88	68	.564	Vancouver	74	79	.484
Tacoma	85	73	.538	Victoria*	27	33	.450
Spokane	81	74	.523	Aberdeen*	26	35	.426

* Victoria and Aberdeen given permission by League to terminate playing schedule for 1915 on August 1. No games played by those teams after that date.

First Half. OHIO STATE LEAGUE. Second Half.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Portsmouth	47	21	.691	Maysville	29	17	.604
Lexington	41	26	.612	Frankfort	26	21	.553
Ironton	34	33	.507	Portsmouth	24	21	.533
Charleston	31	39	.443	Charleston	27	24	.529
Chillicothe	29	38	.433	Lexington	22	22	.500
Frankfort	19	44	.302	Ironton	13	36	.265

Post-Season Series.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Portsmouth	4	1	.800	Maysville	1	4	.200

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Club.	W.	L.	P.C.	Club.	W.	L.	P.C.
San Francisco.....	118	89	.570	Vernon	102	104	.495
Salt Lake	108	89	.548	Oakland	93	113	.451
Los Angeles	110	98	.528	Portland	78	116	.402

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Club	N.O.	Birm.	Mem.	Nash.	Atl.	Chatt.	Mob.	L.	R.	W.	L.	P.C.
New Orleans.....	..	12	13	13	14	12	16	11	91	63	..	.591
Birmingham	10	..	9	15	14	13	12	13	86	67	..	.562
Memphis	9	13	..	10	11	11	13	14	81	73	..	.526
Nashville	9	7	12	..	12	9	12	14	75	78	..	.490
Atlanta	8	7	11	10	..	11	13	14	74	79	..	.484
Chattanooga	10	9	11	13	11	..	10	9	73	80	..	.477
Mobile	6	10	9	10	9	12	..	12	68	86	..	.442
Little Rock.....	11	9	8	7	8	12	10	..	65	87	..	.428

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

First Half—April 12 to June 9.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Macon	30	21	.588	Jacksonville	25	27	.481
Charleston	30	22	.577	Savannah	23	28	.451
Albany	29	23	.553	Columbia	23	29	.442
Columbus	28	25	.528	Augusta	19	32	.373

Second Half—June 10 to July 20,

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Columbus	24	11	.686	Macon	18	18	.500
Augusta	22	13	.629	Albany	12	22	.353
Columbia	21	13	.618	Savannah	11	24	.314
Charleston	21	14	.600	Jacksonville	10	24	.294

Post-Season Series.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Columbus	4	1	.800	Macon	1	4	.200

TEXAS LEAGUE.

Club.	G.	Won.	Lost.	Tie.	P.C.	Club.	G.	Won.	Lost.	Tie.	P.C.
Waco	150	87	60	3	.592	Dallas	153	73	75	5	.493
San Antonio....	152	81	67	4	.548	Houston	145	68	74	3	.479
Fort Worth.....	156	81	72	3	.530	Shreveport	149	62	85	2	.422
Galveston	133	67	63	3	.515	Beaumont	146	61	84	1	.421

VIRGINIA LEAGUE.

First Half.					Second Half.				
Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.		Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	
Rocky Mount.....	35	23	.603		Portsmouth	41	25	.621	
Newport News.....	34	24	.586		Rocky Mount	39	26	.600	
Norfolk	30	28	.517		Suffolk	35	26	.574	
Portsmouth	27	33	.450		Norfolk	36	28	.562	
Virginia League.....	25	31	.446		Newport News.....	29	38	.431	
Suffolk	24	36	.400		Virginia League.....	15	53	.221	

Post-Season Series.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Rocky Mount.....	4	1	.800	Portsmouth	1	4	.200

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Club.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Denison	76	53	.589	Paris	66	66	.500
Oklahoma City....	76	62	.551	Tulsa	63	71	.470
Sherman	70	65	.519	Fort Smith.....	61	75	.448
Muskogee	68	66	.507	McAlester	57	79	.419

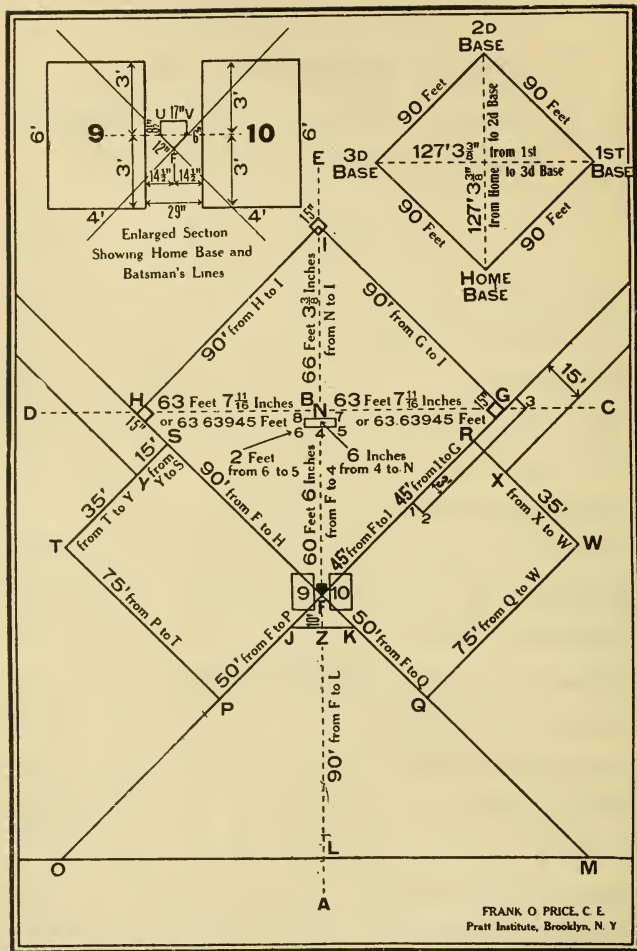
WESTERN LEAGUE.

Club.	G.	W.	L.	P.C.	Club.	G.	W.	L.	P.C.
Des Moines.....	140	87	53	.621	Lincoln	139	70	69	.504
Denver	137	82	55	.599	Sioux City.....	134	66	68	.493
Topeka	138	75	63	.543	Wichita	137	57	80	.416
Omaha	140	71	69	.507	St. Joseph.....	137	43	94	.314

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OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS FOR LAYING OUT A BASE BALL FIELD.

Official Playing Rules Professional Base Ball Clubs

AS ADOPTED BY THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL
LEAGUES.

The Ball Ground.

RULE 1. The ball ground must be enclosed. To obviate the necessity for ground rules, the shortest distance from a fence or stand on fair territory to the home base should be 235 feet and from home base to the grand stand 90 feet.

To Lay off the Field.

RULE 2. To lay off the lines defining the location of the several bases, the catcher's and the pitcher's position and to establish the boundaries required in playing the game of base ball, proceed as follows:

Diamond or Infield.

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a straight line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines BC and BD at right angles to the line AB; then, with B as a center and 63.63945 feet as a radius, describe arcs cutting the lines BA at F and BC at G, BD at H and BE at I. Draw lines FG, GI, IH, and HF, each 90 feet in length, which said lines shall be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

The Catcher's Lines.

RULE 3. SECTION 1. With F as a center and 10 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line FA at Z and draw lines ZJ and ZK at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FA not less than 10 feet.

SEC. 2. With F as a center and 90 feet radius describe an arc cutting FA at L and draw lines LM and LO at right angles to FA, and continue each out from FL not less than 90 feet, to form the back-stop line.

The Foul Lines.

RULE 4. From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines GF and HF until they intersect the lines LO and LM, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the ground, and said lines shall be clearly visible from any part of the diamond, and no wood or other hard substance shall be used in the construction of such lines.

The Players' Lines.

RULE 5. With F as center and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines FO and FM at P and Q; then, with F as center again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting FG and FH at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines FO, FM, FG and FH, and continue the same until they intersect at the points W and T.

The Coachers' Lines.

RULE 6. With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting the lines RW and ST at X and Y and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with the lines FG and FH and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

The Three-Foot Line.

RULE 7. With F as a center and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting the line FG at the figure one (1) and from the figure one (1) to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to FG, and mark point 2; then from point 2 draw a line parallel with the line FG to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with FG.

The Batsman's Lines.

RULE 8. On either side of the line AFB describe a rectangle six feet long and four feet wide (marked 9 and 10, respectively). The longest side of each rectangle shall be parallel with the line AFB and the rectangles shall be 29 inches apart or $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches on either side of line AFB. The middle of the long side of each rectangle shall be on a line with the middle corners of home base.

The Pitcher's Plate.

RULE 9. SECTION 1. From point F measure along line FE a distance of 60 feet 6 inches to point 4, which marks the front of the pitcher's plate. Draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 at right angles to F 4, and extending 12 inches on either side of line FB; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a rectangle 24 inches by 6 inches in which shall be placed the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level with the surface of the field, and the slope from the pitcher's plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual.

The Bases.

RULE 10. SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines FG and FH to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line FB $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points U and V a straight line between which, 17 inches long, will form the front of the home base or plate.

SEC. 2. Within the angles at G and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of the sides of which squares shall lie along the lines FG and GI, IH and HF, which squares shall be the location of the first and third bases respectively. At point I, the intersection of GI and HI, describe a square 15 inches on each side, the center of which is directly over point I and whose sides are parallel to GI and HI. This shall locate second base.

RULE 11. The home base at F and the pitcher's plate at 4 must be each of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with its surface. The size of the pitcher's plate shall be 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 12. The first base at G, the second base at I and the third base at H must each be a white canvas bag 15 inches square filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the points specified in Rule 10.

RULE 13. The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.

The Ball.

RULE 14. SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball or the Reach American League Ball must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. Two regulation balls of the make adopted by the league of which the contesting clubs are members, shall be delivered by the home club to the umpire at or before the hour for the commencement of a championship game. If the ball placed in play be batted or thrown out of the grounds or into one of the stands for spectators or in the judgment of the umpire, becomes unfit for play from any cause, the umpire shall at once deliver the alternate ball to the pitcher and another legal ball shall be supplied to him, so that he shall at all times have in his control one or more alternate balls. Provided, however, that all balls batted or thrown out of the ground or into a stand shall when returned to the field be given into the custody of the umpire immediately and become alternate balls and so long as he has in his possession two or more alternate balls, he shall not call for a new ball to replace one that has gone out of play. The alternate balls shall become the ball in play in the order in which they were delivered to the umpire.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the delivery to him of the alternate ball by the umpire, the pitcher shall take his position and on the call of "Play," by the umpire, it shall become the ball in play. Provided, however, that play shall not be resumed with the alternate ball when a fair batted ball or a ball thrown by a fielder goes out of the ground or into a stand for spectators until the base-runners have completed the circuit of the bases unless compelled to stop at second or third base in compliance with a ground rule.

The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past thirty-nine years and is used in all the League contests. It has also been adopted by the majority of other professional leagues and by practically all the colleges.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding "Official National League" Jr. Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

Discolored or Damaged Balls.

SEC. 4. In the event of a ball being intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise by any player, or otherwise damaged by any player, the umpire shall forthwith demand the return of that ball and substitute for it another legal ball, as hereinbefore described, and impose a fine of \$5.00 on the offending player.

Home Club to Provide Balls.

SEC. 5. In every game the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball shall be enclosed in a paper box, which must be sealed with the seal of the President of the League and bear his certificate that the ball contained therein is of the required standard in all respects. The seal shall not be broken by the umpire except in the presence of the captains of the contesting teams after "Play" has been called.

Reserve Balls on Field.

SEC. 6. The home club shall have at least a dozen regulation balls on the field during each championship game, ready for use on the call of the umpire.

The Bat.

RULE 15. The bat must be round, not over two and three-fourth inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length and entirely of hardwood, except that for a distance of 18 inches from the end, twine may be wound around or a granulated substance applied to the handle.

Number of Players in a Game.

RULE 16. The players of each club, actively engaged in a game at one time, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain; and in no case shall more or less than nine men be allowed to play on a side in a game.

Positions of the Players.

RULE 17. The players of the team not at bat may be stationed at any points of the field on fair ground their captain may elect, regardless of their respective positions, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat must take his position

as defined in Rules 9 and 30; and the catcher must be within the lines of his position, as defined in Rule 3, and within 10 feet of home base, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat.

Must Not Mingle With Spectators.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats in the stands, or to mingle with the spectators.

Uniforms of Players.

Every club shall adopt two uniforms for its players, one to be worn in games at home and the other in games abroad, and the suits of each of the uniforms of a team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoe other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in a game.

Size and Weight of Gloves.

The catcher or first baseman may wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. Every other player is restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over 10 ounces and measuring not over 14 inches around the palm.

Players' Benches.

SECTION 1. Players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting team and the other for the exclusive use of the home team. Each bench must be covered with a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left under the roof for ventilation. All players and substitutes of the side at bat must be seated on their team's bench, except the batsman, base-runners and such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners. Under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person except the players and substitutes in uniform and the manager of the team entitled to its exclusive use to be seated on a bench.

Penalty for Violation.

SEC. 2. Whenever the umpire observes a violation of the preceding section, he shall immediately order such player or

players as have disregarded it to be seated. If the order be not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order be not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to forthwith leave the playing field.

A Regulation Game.

RULE 22. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset and shall continue until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate:

SECTION 1. If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings.

SEC. 2. If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out.

SEC. 3. If the game be called by the umpire on account of darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons or players in peril.

Extra-Innings Games.

If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate.

Drawn Games.

RULE 24. A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire if the score is equal on the last even inning played when he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, after five or more equal innings have been played by each team. But if the side that went second to bat is at bat when the game is terminated, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal inning.

Called Games.

RULE 25. If the umpire calls a game in accordance with Rule 22, Section 3, at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, except that if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of

innings, or before the completion of the unfinished inning, at least one run more than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs each team has made.

Forfeited Games.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the
RULE 26. umpire in favor of the club not in fault, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the team of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, refuse to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned, within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuse to continue to play, unless the game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team employ tactics palpably designed to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game be wilfully and persistently violated.

SEC. 6. If the order for the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 21, 58 and 67, be not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of the removal of players from the game by the umpire, or for any cause, there be less than nine players on either team.

SEC. 8. If, after the game has been suspended on account of rain, the orders of the umpire are not complied with as required by Rule 29.

SEC. 9. If, when two games are scheduled to be played in one afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of the completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 10. In case the umpire declare the game forfeited he shall transmit a written report thereof to the President of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the President shall not affect the validity of his award of the game by forfeiture.

No Game.

RULE 27. "No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he terminates play in accordance with Rule 22, Sec. 3, before five innings are completed by each team. Provided, however, that if the club second at bat shall have made more runs at the end of its fourth inning than the club first at bat has made in five completed innings of a game so terminated, the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greater number of runs, and it shall count as a legal game in the championship record.

Substitutes.

SECTION 1. Each side shall be required to have present on the field during a championship game a sufficient number of substitute players in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team-mates, to carry out the provisions of this code which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any inning of the game.

SEC. 2. Any such substitute may at any stage of the game take the place of a player whose name is in his team's batting order, but the player whom he succeeds shall not thereafter participate in that game.

SEC. 3. A base-runner shall not have another player whose name appears in the batting order of his team run for him except by the consent of the captain of the other team.

SEC. 4. Whenever one player is substituted for another, whether as batsman, base-runner or fielder, the captain of the side making the change must immediately notify the umpire, who in turn must announce the same to the spectators. A fine of \$5.00 shall be assessed by the umpire against the captain for each violation of this rule, and the President of the League shall impose a similar fine against the umpire, who, after having been notified of a change, fails to make proper announcement. Play shall be suspended while announcement is being made, and the player substituted shall become actively engaged in the game immediately upon his captain's notice of the change to the umpire.

Choice of Innings—Fitness of Field for Play.

RULE 29. The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after a rain; but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the

ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain, and when time is so called the ground-keeper and sufficient assistants shall be under the control of the umpire for the purpose of putting the ground in proper shape for play, under penalty of forfeiture of the game by the home team.

THE PITCHING RULES.

Delivery of the Ball to the Bat.

RULE 30. Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate or on top of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

A Fairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 31. A fairly delivered ball is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that passes over any portion of the home base, before touching the ground, not lower than the batsman's knee, nor higher than his shoulder. For every such fairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one strike.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball.

RULE 32. An unfairly delivered ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman that does not pass over any portion of the home base between the batsman's shoulder and knees, or that touches the ground before passing home base, unless struck at by the batsman; or, with the bases unoccupied, any ball delivered by the pitcher while no foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate. For every unfairly delivered ball the umpire shall call one ball.

Delaying the Game.

RULE 33. SECTION 1. If, after the batsman be standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, the ball be thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher when in the catcher's lines and within 10 feet of the home base (except in an attempt to retire a base-runner), each ball so thrown shall be called a ball.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman for a longer period than 20 seconds, excepting that at the commencement of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, the pitcher may occupy one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to the catcher or an infielder, during which time play shall be suspended.

SEC. 3. In event of the pitcher being taken from his position by either manager or captain, the player substituted for him shall continue to pitch until the batsman then at bat has either been put out or has reached first base.

Balking.

A balk shall be:

RULE 34. SECTION 1. Any motion made by the pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, or to throw to first base when occupied by a base-runner without completing the throw.

SEC. 2. Throwing the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base-runner without stepping directly toward such base in the act of making such throw.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while either foot is back of and not in contact with the pitcher's plate.

SEC. 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while he is not facing the batsman.

SEC. 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined by Rule 30.

SEC. 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to unnecessarily delay the game.

SEC. 7. Making any motion to pitch while standing in his position without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 8. Making any motion of the arm, shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher shall fail to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule, the umpire shall call a "balk."

Dead Ball.

RULE 35. A dead ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher, not struck at by the batsman, that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while he is standing in his position.

Ball Not in Play.

RULE 36. In case of an illegally batted ball, a balk, foul hit ball not legally caught, dead ball, interference with the fielder or batsman, or a fair hit ball striking a base-runner or umpire before touching a fielder, the ball shall not be considered in play until it be held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called "Play."

Block Balls.

RULE 37. SECTION 1. A block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and base-runners may run the bases without liability to be put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher in his position.

SEC. 3. If a person not engaged in the game should retain possession of a blocked ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the base last touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

THE BATTING RULES.**The Batsman's Position.**

RULE 38. Each player of the side at bat shall become the batsman and must take his position within the batsman's lines (as defined in Rule 8) in the order that his name appears in his team's batting list.

The Order of Batting.

RULE 39. SECTION 1. The batting order of each team must be on the score card and must be delivered before the game by its captain to the umpire at the home plate, who shall submit it to the inspection of the captain of the other side. The batting order delivered to the umpire must be followed throughout the game unless a player be substituted for another, in which case the substi-

tute must take the place in the batting order of the retired player.

SEC. 2. When the umpire announces the pitcher prior to commencement of game, the player announced must pitch until the first batsman has either been put out or has reached first base.

The First Batsman in an Inning.

RULE 40. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who completed his "time at bat" in the preceding inning.

Players Belong on Bench.

RULE 41. When a side goes to the bat its players must immediately seat themselves on the bench assigned to them as defined in Rule 21, and remain there until their side is put out, except when called to the bat or to act as coaches or substitute base-runners.

Reserved for Umpire, Catcher and Batsman.

RULE 42. No player of the side "at bat," except the batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space back of the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of the pitcher or catcher, or passing between them while standing in their positions.

Fielder Has Right of Way.

RULE 43. The players of the side at bat must speedily abandon their bench and hasten to another part of the field when by remaining upon or near it they or any of them would interfere with a fielder in an attempt to catch or handle a thrown or a batted ball.

A Fair Hit.

RULE 44. A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base or between home and third base or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base, or that, while on or over fair ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Hit.

RULE 45. A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base, or, while on or over foul ground, touches the person of the umpire or a player.

A Foul Tip.

RULE 46. A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position, that goes sharp and direct from the bat to the catcher's hands and is legally caught.

A Bunt Hit.

RULE 47. A bunt hit is a legally batted ball, not swung at, but met with the bat and tapped slowly within the infield by the batsman. If the attempt to bunt result in a foul not legally caught, a strike shall be called by the umpire.

Balls Batted Outside the Ground.

RULE 48. SECTION I. When a batted ball passes outside the ground or into a stand the umpire shall decide it fair or foul according to where it disappears from the umpire's view.

SEC. 2. A fair batted ball that goes over the fence or into a stand shall entitle the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the ground or into a stand at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, in which case the batsman shall be entitled to two bases only. In either event the batsman must touch the bases in regular order. The point at which a fence or stand is less than 235 feet from the home base shall be plainly indicated by a white or black sign or mark for the umpire's guidance.

Strikes.

A strike is:

RULE 49. SECTION I. A pitched ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat.

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher at which the batsman does not strike.

SEC. 3. A foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes.

SEC. 4. An attempt to bunt which results in a foul not legally caught.

SEC. 5. A pitched ball, at which the batsman strikes but misses and which touches any part of his person.

SEC. 6. A foul tip, held by the catcher, while standing within the lines of his position.

An Illegally Batted Ball.

RULE 50. An illegally batted ball is a ball batted by the batsman when either or both of his feet are upon the ground outside of the lines of the batsman's position.

When Batsman is Out.

The batsman is out:

RULE 51. SECTION 1. If he fail to take his position at the bat in the order in which his name appears on the batting list unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman replace him before he becomes a base-runner, in which case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman. But only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman. Provided, this rule shall not be enforced unless the out be declared before the ball be delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should the batsman declared out under this section be the third hand out and his side be thereby put out, the proper batsman in the next inning shall be the player who would have come to bat had the players been put out by ordinary play in the preceding inning.

SEC. 2. If he fail to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he make a foul hit other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or strike some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he bat the ball illegally, as defined in Rule 50.

SEC. 5. If he attempt to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the batsman's position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player; except that the batsman shall not be out under this section if the base-runner be declared out according to Section 15 of Rule 56.

SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base-runner, the third strike be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5.

SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it an infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Sections 4 or 5 of Rule 49.

SEC. 10. If he steps from one batsman's box to the other while the pitcher is in his position ready to pitch.

BASE RUNNING RULES.

Legal Order of Bases.

RULE 52. The Base-Runner must touch each base in legal order, viz., First, Second, Third and Home Bases; and when obliged to return while the ball is in play, must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He can only acquire the right to a base by touching it, before having been put out, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game ahead of the base-runner preceding him in the batting order, if there be such preceding base-runner who has not been put out in that inning.

When the Batsman Becomes a Base-Runner.

The batsman becomes a base-runner:
RULE 53. SECTION I. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after "Four Balls" have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after "Three Strikes" have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a pitched ball unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly makes no effort to get out of the way of the pitched ball.

SEC. 5. If the catcher interfere with him in or prevent him from striking at a pitched ball.

SEC. 6. If a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground.

Entitled to Bases.

RULE 54. The base-runner shall be entitled, without liability to be put out, to advance a base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while the batsman, he becomes a base-runner by reason of "four balls," or for being hit by a pitched ball, or for being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball, or if a fair hit ball strike the person or clothing of the umpire or a base-runner on fair ground before touching a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards to a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit by a pitched ball, or being interfered with by the catcher in striking at a pitched ball and the base-runner be thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire call a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball delivered by the pitcher pass the catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety (90) feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of a fielder, unless the latter have the ball in his hand ready to touch the base-runner.

SEC. 6. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball or a thrown ball with his cap, glove or any part of his uniform, while detached from its proper place on his person, the runner or runners shall be entitled to three bases if a batted ball or to two bases if a thrown ball.

SEC. 7. If a thrown or pitched ball strike the person or clothing of an umpire the ball shall be considered in play and the base-runner or runners shall be entitled to all the bases they can make.

Returning to Bases.

RULE 55. The base-runner shall return to his base without liability to be put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares any foul not legally caught.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares an illegally batted ball.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball, and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 54, Section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire, while stationed back of the bat, interfere with the catcher in an attempt to throw.

SEC. 5. If a pitched ball at which the batsman strikes but misses, touch any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. If the umpire be struck by a fair hit ball before touching a fielder; in which case no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored unless all the bases are occupied.

SEC. 7. If the umpire declares the batsman or another base-runner out for interference.

SEC. 8. In any and all of these cases the base-runner is not required to touch the intervening bases in returning to the base he is legally entitled to.

When Base-Runners are Out.

The base-runner is out:

RULE 56. SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while the batsman, the third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground or any object other than a fielder; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touch first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first

base, he run outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless he do so to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he run more than three feet from a direct line between a base and the next one in regular or reverse order to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder. But in case a fielder be occupying a base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of direct line to the next base and behind said fielder and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fail to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in Sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or in any way obstruct a fielder in attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interfere with a thrown ball; provided, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base-runner come in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with a fielder other than the one the umpire determines to be entitled to field such batted ball.

SEC. 9. If at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person be touching the base he is entitled to occupy; provided, however, that the ball be held by the fielder after touching him, unless the base-runner deliberately knock it out of his hand.

SEC. 10. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as defined in Rule 46) be legally caught by a fielder, such ball be legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball was batted, or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouch such base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base, or touch the base-runner out with it; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detach it from its fastening before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a

base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, and may be put out at the next base in the same manner as in running to first base, or by being touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder at any time before any base-runner following him in the batting order be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the batsman to be an infield fly.

SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by the batsman becoming a base-runner, but no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out until the umpire puts the ball back into play.

SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If with one or no one out and a base-runner on third base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home plate.

SEC. 16. If he pass a preceding base-runner before such runner has been legally put out he shall be declared out immediately.

SEC. 17. If a coacher at third base touch or hold a base-runner at third base or a base-runner who is rounding third base for home plate the umpire shall declare such base-runner out.

Overrunning First Base.

SEC. 18. The base-runner in running to first base may overrun said base after touching it in passing without incurring liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, after over-

running first base, he attempts to run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit such exemption from liability to be put out.

SEC. 19. If, while third base is occupied, the coacher stationed near that base shall run in the direction of home base on or near the base line while a fielder is making or trying to make a play on a batted ball not caught on the fly, or on a thrown ball, or a fly ball, and thereby draws a throw to home base, the base-runner entitled to third base shall be declared out by the umpire for the coacher's interference with and prevention of the legitimate play.

SEC. 20. If one or more members of the team at bat stand or collect at or around a base for which a base-runner is trying, thereby confusing the fielding side and adding to the difficulty of making such play, the base-runner shall be declared out for the interference of his teammate or team-mates.

When Umpire Shall Declare an Out.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or
RULE 57. base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player be put out in accordance with any of these rules, except Sections 13 and 18 of Rule 56.

Coaching Rules.

A coacher may address words of assistance
RULE 58. and direction to the base-runners or to the batsman. He shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations, and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators. Not more than two coaches, who must be players in the uniform of the team at bat, shall be allowed to occupy the space between the players' and the coaches' lines, one near first and the other near third base, to coach base-runners. If there be more than the legal number of coaches or this rule be violated in any respect the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coaches to the bench, and if his order be not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player, and upon a repetition of the offense, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

The Scoring of Runs.

RULE 59. One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. A force-out can be made only when a base-runner legally loses the right to the base he occupies by reason of the batsman becoming a base-runner, and he is thereby obliged to advance.

UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Power to Enforce Decisions.

RULE 60. The umpires are the representatives of the League and as such are authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. They shall have the power to order a player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in their judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed. In order to define their respective duties, the umpire judging balls and strikes shall be designated as the "Umpire-in-Chief"; the umpire judging base decisions as the "Field Umpire."

The Umpire-in-Chief.

RULE 61. SECTION I. The Umpire-in-Chief shall take position back of the catcher; he shall have full charge of and be responsible for the proper conduct of the game. With exception of the base decisions to be made by the Field Umpire, the Umpire-in-Chief shall render all the decisions that ordinarily would devolve upon a single umpire, and which are prescribed for "The Umpire" in these Playing Rules.

SEC. 2. He shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range as defined in Rule 31, whether struck at or not by the batsman; or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher standing within the lines of his position, within 10 feet of the home base; or which, after being struck at and not hit, strike the person of the batsman; or when the ball be bunted foul by the batsman; or any

foul hit ball not caught on the fly unless the batsman has two strikes; provided, however, that a pitched ball shall not be called or counted a "ball" or "strike" by the umpire until it has passed the home plate.

SEC. 3. He shall render base decisions in the following instances: (1) If the ball is hit fair, with a runner on first, he must go to third base to take a possible decision; (2) with more than one base occupied, he shall decide whether or not a runner on third leaves that base before a fly ball is caught; (3) in case of a runner being caught between third and home, when more than one base is occupied, he shall make the decision on the runner nearest the home plate.

SEC. 4. The Umpire-in-Chief alone shall have authority to declare a game forfeited.

The Field Umpire.

SECTION 1. The Field Umpire shall take
RULE 62. such positions on the playing field as in his judgment are best suited for the rendering of base decisions. He shall render all decisions at first base and second base, and all decisions at third base except those to be made by the Umpire-in-Chief in accordance with Sec. 3, Rule 61.

SEC. 2. He shall aid the Umpire-in-Chief in every manner in enforcing the rules of the game and, with the exception of declaring a forfeiture, shall have equal authority with the Umpire-in-Chief in fining or removing from the game players who violate these rules.

No Appeal From Decisions Based on Umpire's Judgment.

There shall be no appeal from any de-
RULE 63. cision of either umpire on the ground that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a base-runner safe or out, a pitched ball a strike or a ball, or on any other play involving accuracy of judgment, and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except that he be convinced that it is in violation of one of these rules. The captain shall alone have the right to protest against a decision and seek its reversal on a claim that it is in conflict with a section of these rules. In case the captain does seek a reversal of a decision based solely on a point of rules, the umpire making the decision shall, if he is in doubt, ask his associate for information before acting on

the captain's appeal. Under no circumstances shall either umpire criticise or interfere with a decision unless asked to do so by his associate.

Duties of Single Umpire.

RULE 64. If but one umpire be assigned, his duties and jurisdiction shall extend to all points, and he shall be permitted to take his stand in any part of the field that in his opinion will best enable him to discharge his duties.

Must Not Question Decisions.

RULE 65. Under no circumstances shall a captain or player dispute the accuracy of the umpire's judgment and decision on a play.

Clubs Can Not Change Umpire.

RULE 66. The umpire can not be changed during a championship game by the consent of the contesting clubs unless the official in charge of the field be incapacitated from service by injury or illness.

Penalties for Violations of the Rules.

RULE 67. SECTION 1. In all cases of violation of these rules, by either player or manager, the penalty shall be prompt removal of the offender from the game and grounds, followed by a period of such suspension from actual service in the club as the President of the League may fix. In the event of removal of player or manager by either umpire, he shall go direct to the club house and remain there during the progress of the game, or leave the grounds; and a failure to do so will warrant a forfeiture of the game by the Umpire-in-Chief.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 against each offending player in the following cases: (1) If the player intentionally discolor or damage the ball; (2) if the player fail to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (3) if the player violate the coaching rules and refuse to be seated on his bench within one minute after ordered to do so by the umpire; (4) if the captain fail to notify him when one player is substituted for another.

SEC. 3. In cases where substitute players show their disapproval of decisions by yelling from the bench, the

umpire shall first give warning. If the yelling continues he shall fine each offender \$10.00, and if the disturbance is still persisted in he shall clear the bench of all substitute players; the captain of the team, however, to have the privilege of sending to the club house for such substitutes as are actually needed to replace players in the game.

Umpire to Report Violations of the Rules.

RULE 68. The umpire shall within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the President a report of the penalty inflicted and the cause therefor.

RULE 69. Immediately upon being informed by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the President shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member; and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the Secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days after notice, he shall be debarred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine be paid.

RULE 70. When the offense of the player debarred from the game be of a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall within four hours thereafter forward to the President of the League full particulars.

Warning to Captains.

RULE 71. The umpire shall notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be strictly and impartially enforced, and warn them that failure on their part to co-operate in such enforcement will result in offenders being fined, and, if necessary to preserve discipline, debarred from the game.

On Ground Rules.

RULE 72. SECTION 1. Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed.

SEC. 2. In case of spectators overflowing on the playing field, the home captain shall make special ground rules to cover balls batted or thrown into the crowd, provided such rules be acceptable to the captain of the visiting club. If the latter object, then the umpire shall have full authority to make and enforce such special rules, and he shall announce the scope of same to the spectators.

SEC. 3. In all cases where there are no spectators on the playing field, and where a thrown ball goes into a stand for spectators, or over or through any fence surrounding the playing field, or into the players' bench (whether the ball rebounds into the field or not), or remains in the meshes of a wire screen protecting the spectators, the runner or runners shall be entitled to two bases. The umpire in awarding such bases shall be governed by the position of the runner or runners at the time the throw is made.

SEC. 4. The umpire shall also ascertain from the home captain whether any other special ground rules are necessary, and if there be he shall advise the opposing captain of their scope and see that each is duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules and are acceptable to the captain of the visiting team.

Official Announcements.

RULE 73. The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination. Prior to the commencement of the game he shall announce the batteries, and during the progress of the game shall announce each change of players. In case of an overflow crowd, he shall announce the special ground rules agreed upon, and he shall also make announcement of any agreement entered into by the two captains to stop play at a specified hour.

Suspension of Play.

RULE 74. The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes:

1. If rain fall so heavily as in the judgment of the umpire to prevent continuing the game, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

2. In case of an accident which incapacitates him or a player from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules, or in case of fire, panic or other extraordinary circumstances.

3. In suspending play from any legal cause the umpire shall call "Time"; when he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball be held by the pitcher while standing in his position, except that this does not apply to Section 3, Rule 37 nor does it apply in case of fire, panic or storm.

Field Rules.

RULE 75. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game except the players in uniform, the manager of each side, the umpire, such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such watchmen of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 76. No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during a game except in reply to a request for information about the progress or state of the game, or to give the name of a player.

RULE 77. Every club shall furnish sufficient police force to preserve order upon its own grounds, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play until the field be cleared. If the field be not cleared within 15 minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim and shall be entitled to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

General Definitions.

RULE 78. "Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game or to resume it after its suspension.

RULE 79. "Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day.

- RULE 80.** "Game" is the announcement of the umpire that the game is terminated.
- RULE 81.** "An inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game and is completed when three of such players have been legally put out.
- RULE 82.** "A Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner. But a time at bat shall not be charged against a batsman who is awarded first base by the umpire for being hit by a pitched ball, or on called balls, or when he makes a sacrifice hit, or for interference by the catcher.
- RULE 83.** "Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

THE SCORING RULES.

- RULE 84.** To promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions are given and suggestions and definitions made for the guidance of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

The Batsman's Record.

- RULE 85.** **SECTION 1.** The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the first base hits, if any, made by each player.

The Scoring of Base Hits.

SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders, provided the batter reaches first base safely.

When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player can not recover himself

in time to field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to force out another base-runner.

When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner. In a case of doubt over this class of hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error.

When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-runner.

In all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, unless batted by himself, the batsman should be credited with a base hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 53, Section 6.

In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base-runner is forced out by the play.

When a fielder after handling a batted ball, elects to try to retire a base-runner instead of the batter, the play is known as a "fielder's choice." In case the runner is retired, or would be retired but for an error, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit. If the runner is not retired, and no error is made, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit, provided he swung at the ball, and shall be credited with a sacrifice hit, provided he bunted the ball; if, however, in the judgment of the scorer the batter could not have been retired at first base by perfect fielding, he shall be credited with a base hit.

Sacrifice Hits.

SEC. 5. Sacrifice hits shall be placed in the Summary.

A sacrifice hit shall be credited to the batsman who when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in the batsman being put out before reaching first, or would so result if it were handled without error.

A sacrifice hit shall also be credited to a batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, hits a fly ball that is caught but results in a run being scored on the catch, or would in the judgment of the scorer so result if caught.

Fielding Records.

SEC. 6. The number of opponents, if any, put out by each player shall be set down in the fourth column. Where the batsman is given out by the umpire for an illegally

batted ball, or fails to bat in proper order, or is declared out on third bunt strike, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In cases of the base-runner being declared "out" for interference, running out of line, or on an infield fly, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base-runner or the announcement of the umpire.

SEC. 7. The number of times, if any, each player assists in putting out an opponent shall be set down in the fifth column. One assist and no more shall be given to each player who handles the ball in aiding in a run-out or any other play of the kind, even though he complete the play by making the put-out.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails, through no fault of the assisting player.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by a team-mate.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base runner being called "out" for interference or for running out of line.

A double play shall mean any two continuous put-outs that take place between the time the ball leaves the pitcher's hands until it is returned to him again standing in the pitcher's box.

Errors.

SEC. 8. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each misplay which prolongs the time at bat of the batsman or prolongs the life of the base-runner or allows a base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out. But a base on balls, a base awarded to a batsman by being struck by a pitched ball, a balk, a passed ball or wild pitch shall not be included in the sixth column.

An error shall not be charged against the catcher for a wild throw in an attempt to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advance an extra base because of the error.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher or an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless

the throw be so wild that an additional base be gained. This, however, does not exempt from an error a player who drops a thrown ball when by holding it he would have completed a double play.

In case a base-runner advance a base through the failure of a baseman to stop or try to stop a ball accurately thrown to his base the latter shall be charged with an error and not the player who made such throw, provided there was occasion for it. If such throw be made to second base the scorer shall determine whether the second baseman or shortstop shall be charged with an error.

In event of a fielder dropping a fly but recovering the ball in time to force a runner at another base, he shall be exempted from an error, the play being scored as a "force-out."

Stolen Bases.

SEC. 9. A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he advances a base unaided by a base hit, a put-out, a fielding or a battery error, subject to the following exceptions:

In event of a double or triple steal being attempted, where either runner is thrown out, the other or others shall not be credited with a stolen base.

In event of a base-runner being touched out after sliding over a base, he shall not be regarded as having stolen the base in question.

In event of a base-runner making his start to steal a base prior to a battery error, he shall be credited with a stolen base and the battery error shall also be charged.

In event of a palpable muff of a ball thrown by the catcher, when the base-runner is clearly blocked, the infielder making the muff shall be charged with an error and the base-runner shall not be credited with a stolen base.

Definition of Wild Pitch and Passed Ball.

SEC. 10. A wild pitch is a legally delivered ball, so high, low or wide of the plate that the catcher cannot or does not stop and control it with ordinary effort, and as a result the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, reaches first base or a base-runner advances.

A passed ball is a legally delivered ball that the catcher should hold or control with ordinary effort, but his failure to do so enables the batsman, who becomes a base-runner on such pitched ball, to reach first base or a base-runner to advance.

The Summary.

The Summary shall contain:

RULE 86. SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game and the total runs of each side in the game.

SEC. 2. The number of stolen bases, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of sacrifice hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of sacrifice flies, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of two-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of three-base hits, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 7. The number of home runs, if any, made by each player.

SEC. 8. The number of double and triple plays, if any, made by each team and the players participating in same.

SEC. 9. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.

SEC. 10. The number of base hits, if any, made off each pitcher and the number of legal "at bats" scored against each pitcher.

SEC. 11. The number of times, if any, the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.

SEC. 12. The number of times, if any, the pitcher gives bases on balls.

SEC. 13. The number of wild pitches, if any, charged against the pitcher.

SEC. 14. The number of times, if any, the pitcher hits a batsman with a pitched ball, the name or names of the batsman or batsmen so hit to be given.

SEC. 15. The number of passed balls by each catcher.

SEC. 16. The time of the game.

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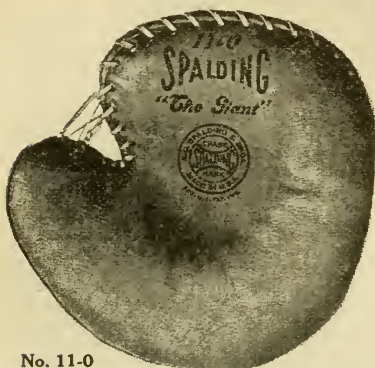
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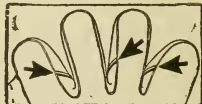
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No. RXL. "League Extra." Finest quality black calfskin. Material and workmanship highest quality throughout. General design similar to No. PXL. Full leather lined. Welted seams. Each, \$4.00

An extra piece of felt padding is enclosed with each King Patent Glove.

All the gloves described above are made regularly with Web of Leather between Thumb and First Finger, which can be cut out very easily if not required. All Spalding Infielders' Gloves are made with our Patented Diverted Seam (PATENTED MARCH 10, 1908) between fingers, adding considerably to the durability of the gloves.



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SPALDING BASEMEN'S MITTS



No. AAX

No. AAX. "First Choice." "Broken-in" Model. Made of special leather prepared so that it holds the shape of our mitt fitting forms, and we have been able to use on this leather a special Preservative, so that no matter how long the glove or mitt is worn, and whether in dry weather or wet, the shape remains the same indefinitely. Ready for you to put on and play when you buy, no breaking in necessary. **King Patent Padding** (Patented June 28, 1910), enabling the player to arrange the padding so that it will not shift nor break, and permitting the insertion of additional padding. Laced entirely around mitt, including thumb. Leather lace. Strap reinforcement at thumb.....Each, \$6.00

No. AXP. "World Series." Finest quality white tanned buck throughout; leather lacing entirely around mitt, including thumb; strap-and-buckle fastening. Leather strap support at thumb. **King Patent Padding** (Patented June 28, 1910).....Each, \$5.00

No. BXP. "World Series." Made of finest quality selected calfskin throughout; leather lacing entirely around mitt, including thumb; strap-and-buckle fastening. Leather strap support at thumb. **King Patent Padding** (Patented June 28, 1910).....Each, \$5.00

No. ABX. "Stick-on-the-Hand." In this mitt we include two special features. The "Stick-on-the-Hand" construction is new and will prove of wonderful assistance, especially to first basemen; besides this, the special way in which we treat the calfskin used in making this mitt, to aid the player in breaking mitt into shape, is another item that helps to place this mitt in a class by itself. Laced, except around thumb and heel, leather lace; strap-and-buckle adjustment at thumb, and special strap "Stick-on-the-Hand," with buckle at back.....Each, \$6.00

No. AXX. "Good Fit." Selected brown calfskin throughout, bound with black leather. Leather lacing around mitt, except heel, strap-and-buckle adjustment at thumb, and strap-and-buckle at back, Each, \$4.50

No. BXS. "League Special." Selected brown calfskin throughout, bound with brown leather. Leather lacing around entire mitt, except heel; leather strap support at thumb; strap-and-buckle fastening. . . . Each, \$4.50

No. BXB. "Well Broke." Selected brown horse hide throughout, bound with black leather. Leather lacing around mitt, except thumb and heel. Strap-and-buckle adjustment at thumb. Special strap "Stick-on-the-Hand," buckle at back. Each, \$4.00



No. BXB

All of above Mitts, except No. BXB, patented August 9, 1910.

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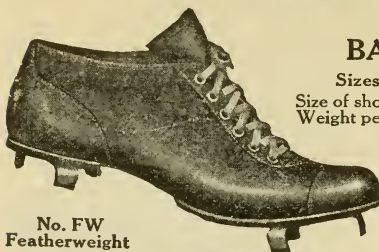
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No. FW
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SPALDING BASE BALL SHOES

Sizes and Weights of No. FW Shoes

Size of shoes	5	6	7	8	9
Weight per pair	18 oz	18½ oz	19 oz	20 oz	21 oz

Spalding "World Series" Base Ball Shoes

The Lightest and Best Base Ball
Shoes ever made.

No. FW. Selected Kangaroo leather uppers, finest white oak leather soles. Hand sewed, strictly bench made, strong, soft laces. Pair, \$7.00

Owing to lightness and fineness of this shoe, it is suitable only for fastest players, but as a lightweight, durable shoe we recommend No. 30-S.

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No. 30-S. Selected kangaroo leather uppers, finest white oak leather soles. Built on our famous running shoe last. Strongly made, and, while light in weight, are substantial in construction. Hand sewed and strictly bench-made shoes. Strong, soft laces. Pair, \$7.00

Spalding Special Umpires' Shoes

No. 31UP. Made with special solid box toe and outside padded tongue. Full street shoe height, uppers of selected kangaroo leather, solid white oak leather soles, fitted with best quality base ball cleats. Made to order only, not carried in stock. (Patent applied for) Pair, \$7.00

Orders for Umpires' Shoes should be placed early, as they are all made to special order. Measurement blank supplied, but if old pair of street shoes is sent will make umpire shoes same size.

Spalding "Club Special"

No. O. Carefully selected satin calfskin, substantially constructed. High point carefully tempered carbon steel plates, hand riveted to heels and soles. First class shoes in every particular. Pair, \$5.00

Spalding "Club Special" Sprinting

No. OS. Material and general construction similar to No. O, but made with sprinting style flexible soles. Pair, \$5.00

Spalding "Amateur Special"

No. 35. Good quality leather, machine sewed; serviceable and durable. High point carefully tempered carbon steel plates, hand riveted to heels and soles. Pair, \$3.50 ★ \$39.00 Doz. pairs

Spalding "Junior"

No. 37. Leather shoes, made on regular base ball shoe last. Plates hand riveted to heels and soles. Excellent shoes for the money but **not** guaranteed. Pair, \$2.50 ★ \$27.00 Doz. pairs

Juvenile Base Ball Shoes

No. 38. Special boys' size lasts; similar to those that we use in our regular men's shoes. Made in exactly the same careful manner as our regular line of men's shoes. Good quality material throughout and steel plates. Furnished in boys' sizes, 12 to 5, inclusive, only. Pair, \$2.00

★ Prices in italics quoted only on orders for one-half dozen or more at one time.

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STANDARD QUALITY

An article that is universally given the appellation "Standard" is thereby conceded to be the Criterion, to which are compared all other things of a similar nature. For instance, the Gold Dollar of the United States is the Standard unit of currency, because it must legally contain a specific proportion of pure gold, and the fact of its being Genuine is guaranteed by the Government Stamp thereon. As a protection to the users of this currency against counterfeiting and other tricks, considerable money is expended in maintaining a Secret Service Bureau of Experts. Under the law, citizen manufacturers must depend to a great extent upon Trade-Marks and similar devices to protect themselves against counterfeit products—without the aid of "Government Detectives" or "Public Opinion" to assist them.

Consequently the "Consumer's Protection" against misrepresentation and "inferior quality" rests entirely upon the integrity and responsibility of the "Manufacturer."

A. G. Spalding & Bros. have, by their rigorous attention to "Quality," for forty years, caused their Trade-Mark to become known throughout the world as a Guarantee of Quality as dependable in their field as the U. S. Currency is in its field.

The necessity of upholding the guarantee of the Spalding Trade-Mark and maintaining the Standard Quality of their Athletic Goods, is, therefore, as obvious as is the necessity of the Government in maintaining a Standard Currency.

Thus each consumer is not only insuring himself but also protecting other consumers when he assigns a Reliable Manufacturer in upholding his Trade-Mark and all that it stands for. Therefore, we urge all users of our Athletic Goods to assist us in maintaining the Spalding Standard of Excellence, by insisting that our Trade-Mark be plainly stamped on all athletic goods which they buy, because without this precaution our best efforts towards maintaining Standard Quality and preventing fraudulent substitution will be ineffectual.

Manufacturers of Standard Articles invariably suffer the reputation of being high-priced, and this sentiment is fostered and emphasized by makers of "inferior goods," with whom low prices are the main consideration.

A manufacturer of recognized Standard Goods, with a reputation to uphold and a guarantee to protect, must necessarily have higher prices than a manufacturer of cheap goods, whose idea of and basis of a claim for Standard Quality depends principally upon the eloquence of the salesman.

We know from experience that there is no quicksand more unstable than poverty in quality—and we avoid this quicksand by Standard Quality.

A. G. Spalding & Bros.

STANDARD POLICY

A Standard Quality must be inseparably linked to a Standard Policy.

Without a definite and Standard Mercantile Policy, it is impossible for a Manufacturer to long maintain a Standard Quality. To market his goods through the jobber, a manufacturer must provide a profit for the jobber as well as for the retail dealer. To meet these conditions of Dual Profits, the manufacturer is obliged to set a proportionately high list price on his goods to the consumer.

To enable the glib salesman, when booking his orders, to figure out attractive profits to both the jobber and retailer, these high list prices are absolutely essential; but their real purpose will have been served when the manufacturer has secured his order from the jobber, and the jobber has secured his order from the retailer.

However, these deceptive high list prices are not fair to the consumer, who does not, and, in reality, is not ever expected to pay these fancy list prices.

When the season opens for the sale of such goods, with their misleading but alluring high list prices, the retailer begins to realize his responsibilities, and grapples with the situation as best he can, by offering "special discounts," which vary with local trade conditions.

Under this system of merchandising, the profits to both the manufacturer and the jobber are assured; but as there is no stability maintained in the prices to the consumer, the keen competition amongst the local dealers invariably leads to a demoralized cutting of prices by which the profits of the retailer are practically eliminated.

This demoralization always reacts on the manufacturer. The jobber insists on lower, and still lower, prices. The manufacturer, in his turn, meets this demand for the lowering of prices by the only way open to him, viz.: the cheapening and degrading of the quality of his product.

The foregoing conditions became so intolerable that, 17 years ago, in 1899, A. G. Spalding & Bros. determined to rectify this demoralization in the Athletic Goods Trade, and inaugurated what has since become known as "The Spalding Policy."

The "Spalding Policy" eliminates the jobber entirely, so far as Spalding Goods are concerned, and the retail dealer secures the supply of Spalding Athletic Goods direct from the manufacturer by which the retail dealer is assured a fair, legitimate and certain profit on all Spalding Athletic Goods, and the consumer is assured a Standard Quality and is protected from imposition.

The "Spalding Policy" is decidedly for the interest and protection of the users of Athletic Goods, and acts in two ways:

FIRST.—The user is assured of genuine Official Standard Athletic Goods.

SECOND.—As manufacturers, we can proceed with confidence in purchasing at the proper time, the very best raw materials required in the manufacture of our various goods, well ahead of their respective seasons, and this enables us to provide the necessary quantity and absolutely maintain the Spalding Standard of Quality.

All retail dealers handling Spalding Athletic Goods are requested to supply consumers at our regular printed catalogue prices—neither more nor less—the same prices that similar goods are sold for in our New York, Chicago and other stores.

All Spalding dealers, as well as users of Spalding Athletic Goods, are treated exactly alike, and no special rebates or discriminations are allowed to anyone.

This, briefly, is the "Spalding Policy," which has already been in successful operation for the past 17 years, and will be indefinitely continued.

In other words, "The Spalding Policy" is a "square deal" for everybody.

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